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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The TB Menace

TUBERCULOSIS in Hong Kong is on the increase. This disconcerting fact is all too plainly revealed in the annual report of the Anti-TB Association, which also notes the heavy mortality rate during last year. Moreover, the Association finds it impossible to strike any very optimistic note about the future outlook. "The continued overcrowded conditions must be considered the principal contributing factor in the increase in the disease," observes the report, adding, "and it is reasonable to suppose that these conditions will not improve to any appreciable extent in the foreseeable future." The gloomy analysis of TB incidence and mortality rate is supported by figures: the number of new TB notifications rose from 2,801 in 1946, 4,855 in 1947, 6,279 in 1948, 7,510 in 1949, 9,207 in 1950 to 13,822 last year. Deaths from the disease were 4,167 last year compared with 1,752 in 1946. These are grave statistics and underscore the need for the most energetic measures to be taken to resolve the problem. In this direction both Government and the Anti-TB Association have worked manfully, with the Ruttonjee Sanatorium making a positive contribution to the successful treatment of patients. Unfortunately the inescapable truth is that the Colony is still badly deficient in clinics and sanatoria with the inevitable result that both detection and curative work is severely restricted. In view of the handicaps the achievements of the Anti-TB Association are remarkable.

IT is significant that the Association's report lays special emphasis on the necessity for educating the general public to appreciate the basic facts relating to better health. The ultimate objective must be to make the community so TB conscious that in due course there will transpire a downward trend in the morbidity and mortality rates. One difficulty, of course, is to reach the ignorant in such a way that they not only realise the perils of Tuberculosis, but are persuaded, daily to apply simple health rules that will help them to keep clear of the disease. It is encouraging to note that the Association's Health Education Committee has worked out a practical programme that should bear tangible results. The committee intends to try and educate the community in the ways and means that lie within the scope of the individual to prevent infection; recognition of the disease; and the general steps that must be taken to seek cure of the infected. But even this eminently practical approach to the problem of TB prevention and cure cannot hope to enjoy any success unless the public are prepared to co-operate by following the rules and instructions laid down and to make their living habits conform to the fundamental and simple tenets which yield better health. The Anti-TB Association has set itself a difficult, propaganda task, but carried out with determination, it can produce satisfactory and far-reaching results.

15 KILLED IN TRUCK ACCIDENT

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 25. A truck loaded with about 80 men, women and children migrating from northeast Brazil fell into a deep ravine on Monday killing 15 and injuring about 50. The truck collided with a passenger car near Petropolis. Associated Press.

Anglo-Egyptian Negotiations To Begin Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENT BY ALY MAHER PASHA

Cairo, Feb. 25. The Prime Minister, Aly Maher Pasha, tonight announced that direct negotiations with the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, in an attempt to settle the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, would begin on Saturday.

Maher Pasha said he was not negotiating on the principle of evacuation of British troops from the Canal Zone area, but that by negotiation this could be effected. He said negotiations would be conducted without waste of time.

The Prime Minister said they would discuss unification of the Sudan as well as British evacuation of the Canal Zone.

Maher Pasha announced his decision after a full session of the Cabinet.

A British Embassy spokesman had declined to comment earlier regarding reports that the talks might be renewed. He said all news must come from Maher Pasha.

In a statement to the Egyptian people, Maher Pasha said: "We are facing an important stage in the struggle for liberation. We are aiming at an objective, the road to which is paved with the blood of martyrs who have sacrificed themselves from 1919 until now." In announcing the resumption of negotiations, Maher Pasha said Egypt was "taking a further step towards her objectives". He said it had become clear to the world that Egypt "believed deeply" in her cause and was determined to achieve her demands.

"The Egyptian people are unanimous in realising evacuation and unity and will not flinch, whatever obstacles there may be and whatever oppression may come,"—United Press.

NO RECOGNITION
London, Feb. 25. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, told the House of Commons today that Britain was not proposing to recognise King Farouk's claim to sovereignty over the Sudan.

Answering questions, he said the British would give the Sudanese Government every encouragement to complete its constitution by the end of this year.

It would then be open to the Sudanese to decide on a status for their country, the Minister said.—Reuter.

Coronation Latest

London, Feb. 26. It was authoritatively reported last night that the Coronation would not take place until next year and a News Chronicle said it is morning that it might be because of "family circumstances"—a possible hint about Queen Elizabeth.

The News Chronicle said: "Though arrangements for visiting rulers and statements and the organization of many ceremonies require a good deal of time, it would have been possible to carry out the work by summer. But other factors are involved in the change of plans. These could include the personal wishes of the Queen and family circumstances."

Other papers simply said that it would be impossible to hold the Coronation this year because of the involved preparations. Speculation now favours the month of May in 1953. It was recalled that when the Queen first returned from South Africa an authoritative source said she then definitely wanted a Coronation this year. Informed quarters believe the sudden reversal lent weight to "family reasons."—United Press.

Parliament To Debate China, Defence And Malaya

London, Feb. 26. China, Defence and Malaya will dominate business in the British Parliament in the next ten days.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, former Foreign Secretary, will move today—and Prime Minister Winston Churchill will reply later—the Labour Opposition motion which declares that the Prime Minister, during his visit to the United States, failed to give "adequate expression" to the Government's policy towards the Korean conflict and China.

The motion says: "This House takes note of the Foreign Secretary's statement (made on Feb. 5), welcomes his adherence to the policy followed by the previous administration with regard to the Korean conflict and the relations between Great Britain and China, but regrets the Prime Minister's failure to give adequate expression to this policy in the course of his recent visit to the United States."

The fears which prompted the Opposition to table a motion criticising Mr. Churchill were expressed by Mr. Clement Attlee in his broadcast on Saturday.

Mr. Attlee said that it was a pity that the Prime Minister, when he addressed the American Congress recently, seemed to be encouraging "dangerous elements" in the United States which advocated spreading the war in the Far East.

These elements, he said, supported the "corrupt and reactionary" forces of Chiang Kai-shek.

OPPOSITION POLICY

Political circles interpreted Mr. Attlee's broadcast as an important pronouncement at a time when the Opposition policy was coming into shape. They believed that so far as foreign affairs were concerned, it set the key for the coming debate.

The personal "vote of censure" on Mr. Churchill, with Mr. Attlee and Mr. Morrison heading the signatories to the motion, was served to unite all sections of the Parliamentary Labour Party, according to observers.

The Party meeting on foreign policy held last week was stated to have been "the most harmonious they have held for a long time."

Prime Minister Churchill will be speaking again on Wednesday of next week when he will open an important debate on the White Paper on defence published last week.

Some Labour circles believed that Mr. Churchill, former Defence Minister, might announce then that the Labour Party supported British participation in the proposed European army.

The main debate in the House of Lords this week will take place on Wednesday on the situation in Malaya—the first to be held in either House since Mr. Oliver Lightfoot, Colonial Secretary, made his Malayan appointment.—Reuter.

Rubber Lost In Factory Blaze

Singapore, Feb. 25. A fire believed to have been started by Communists destroyed Straits \$150,000 worth of rubber when one of the Colony's biggest rubber factories was partially gutted at Lamchoon today.

Fire alarms were sounded in other parts of the city to divert fire engines and rescue parties from the blazing factory. A large bus was also set on fire and destroyed. One Chinese was detained following the factory fire.—France Press.

Assault On Hanoi Feared

Vietminh Rebels Start Probing

Hanoi, Feb. 25. Communist rebel patrols started harassing French forces along the defence line only 20 miles west of Hanoi tonight in possible preparation for an all-out assault.

Patrols of the Red Vietminh forces started activity at nightfall, as soon as they became invisible to scout plane crews.

The new defence perimeter, still fluid in many places, was formed after the French forces completed their most serious withdrawal since 1950. About 20,000 to 22,000 French and loyal Vietnamese troops made the retreat from Hoa Binh fortress on the Black River 40 miles southwest of Hanoi.

The French Command had once said it would never give up Hoa Binh.

Discovering that the French forces had made a retreat under the fanatical Communist attack, the rebels rushed at the French, throwing hand grenades and incendiary bombs. French Foreign Legionnaires fought them off in hand-to-hand action.

STRATEGIC

General Gonzales de Linares, Northern France-Vietnam commander, announced at his headquarters here tonight that the strategic withdrawal from Hoa Binh, wrested from rebel hands in bloody fighting last autumn, had been completed.

Evacuation began last Friday through a No Man's Land pierced by Colonel Highway No. 6, only overland line between Hanoi and Hoa Binh.

General Gonzales de Linares estimated the Communist losses during the evacuation at approximately one battalion. Complete figures on the French losses were not disclosed; yesterday's official reports said 170 men.

Southward in Saigon, meanwhile, the French Ministers, M. Jean Letourneau, told newsmen that he did not believe the Vietminh rebels were preparing to make any peace moves.

Asked about reports that France would welcome an international conference to settle its costly war, M. Letourneau said: "France would not turn down in principle any chance to end hostilities." He added that it was not up to France to make the first step and no peace negotiations undertaken would be in concert with the governments of Indo-China, "which we recognise and which we consider as the legal governments."—United Press.

Purchasing Of Meat Pledge

London, Feb. 25. Britain's Conservative government pledged on Monday that it will eventually turn the purchasing of Argentine meat over to private enterprise.

Food Minister Gwilyn Lloyd George said the change will be made as soon as we have rectified the position created by the previous government.

He made the statement in the House of Commons during questions about the government's plans for replacing the current Argentine meat contract which expires April 23.—Associated Press.

NATO GIVES INCREASED POWERS

Lisbon, Feb. 25.

The North Atlantic Treaty Council session in Lisbon ended tonight after agreement that General Dwight Eisenhower would have increased powers under the planned streamlining of the organisation.

In a final communique summarising the results of the most important of the nine Council meetings since NATO was formed in Washington in the spring of 1949, the Council said: "This association was forged as a shield against aggression. Its first aim is peace, and the armed strength which is being built up by the united efforts of member nations will be used only for the defence of their countries and the security of their peoples."

In the final day, the Council decided to make Paris the permanent headquarters of the organisation and to offer the post of Secretary General to Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador in Washington, and approved reorganisation of NATO into a compact body with a permanent secretariat.

On the last day of its six-day meeting here, the Council also finished its long debate over how much should be spent this year—for the construction of airfields, headquarters and communications for Eisenhower's forces. The figure settled on was reportedly about \$500,000,000, with the United States to put up roughly 40 per cent of the total, the British about 16 per cent and the French slightly less.

This was the so-called "intra-structure" problem—a word coined from the French to describe the cost-sharing system for Allied installations in Western Europe.

DIRECT CONTACT

Under the reorganisation plan adopted, General Eisenhower will be able to deal directly with the permanent Council of Ministers from 14 member States instead of having to go through many governmental channels. The U.S. delegation hopes that Ministers on the permanent council will be empowered to take all but the highest decisions.

Smiling, Mr. Averell Harriman of the United States emerged from the Council meeting hall to declare that this meeting had been a real success. The sentiment was echoed by most of the high-ranking Ministers who attended the session.

The final communique stressed that the Council's approval of the master economic plan for its members for the next three years "will prove the best deterrent to aggression."

The ninth session of the NATO Council failed to decide whether or not Middle East Planning Board should be set up.

NATO officials expected that the issue will be studied by the Standing Group in Washington and by other NATO organs before a definite stand is taken.

PLANS HELD UP

All plans on a possible Middle East defence structure have been held up for the time being to allow Britain and Egypt to establish whether there is a chance for a direct settlement of differences, informants said.

Meanwhile, interested governments may be asked to express their views on a Middle East Planning Board which would be in Cyprus and comprise immediately interested countries as well as those who have a legitimate interest in communication lines running through the area.

It was brought up as an alternative to the Middle East Defence Command proposed last November by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey.

Officials made it clear that the absence of a decision here does not mean lack of interest among NATO members for a solution of Middle East problems.

On the contrary, the Foreign Ministers were said to have emphasised in secret session last week the need for speedy moves to develop a scheme which would help to close the dangerous defence gap in this region but which would be acceptable to countries in the area as well as to those concerned with their defence.

'IKE'

Death Sentences Upheld

US ATOM SPIES LOSE APPEAL

New York, Feb. 25. A Federal Appeals Court on Monday upheld death sentences against the husband-wife atom spy team of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

"It cannot be held that these sentences are unconstitutional," said the three Appeals judges in an historic and unanimous decision.

Only the US Supreme Court can save the Rosenbergs now from the electric chair, as the first Americans ever so doomed outside a military court-room. They were convicted of stealing secrets for Russia.

Defence Attorney Emanuel Bloch said he definitely would appeal to the highest Court in the land, carrying on to the bitter end a legal battle that began in mid-summer of 1950 with the Rosenbergs' arrest.

The defence—in appealing called the death sentences "cruel and unusual punishment." They said the Rosenbergs worked for Russia when the nation was allied with the United States.

AGREE WITH JUDGE

But the Appeals Court held with the trial judge that the spying continued past this period of Soviet-American friendship and into the hostile "cold war" era.

The couple have been in Sing Sing's grim death house since they were convicted and sentenced last Spring as the first spies of America's tense, new atomic era.

There last summer they were visited by two shy little boys—their only children, Robert, 8, and Michael, 4. They pressed into the lads' hands little bags of candy, bought in the prison canteen.

And there, on Monday, they presumably learned that death is a step nearer. Prison officials said they will break the news officially only when the Appeals Court's decision reaches them in writing. But a warden's assistant said the Rosenbergs hardly could miss the news or the radio.—Associated Press.

Accepts Principle

Tunis, Feb. 25. The French Government has accepted in principle the idea of internal autonomy for Tunisia provided that reforms are carried out stage by stage. It was authoritatively learned here today.—Reuter.

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Middlesex Hero To Wed

Brighton, Feb. 25. While Leslie Raymond Cobby, 23-year-old Middlesex Regiment winner of the Military Medal, lay in a Korea hospital recovering from wounds, he planned by mail his wedding to his former school-girl sweetheart, Miss Lucy Tull, aged 22, of Brighton.

They will be married next Saturday. Cobby carried on with his duties as company stretcher bearer although he was seriously injured. Reuter.

Brother Of MP In Court

London, Feb. 25. Ernest Walter Silverman, 51, was alleged at Bow-street to have got £840 by pretending that his brother, Mr Sydney Silverman, M.P., could get new cars delivered.

Ernest Silverman was said to have shown a letter, written on House of Commons notepaper, and signed "Syd" to Mr Alfred John Greaney, accountant, of Whitcomb-street, Leicester-square.

Mr Maxwell Turner, prosecuting, said: "There can be no doubt that Ernest Silverman was pretending and representing as his brother that he was in a position to obtain delivery of cars for disposal by him."

"Mr Greaney was not himself interested," but said he had a friend who was interested, and Ernest Silverman asked for £265 in cash, which was handed to him in £5 notes. About a week later, Mr Greaney was shown another letter on House of Commons notepaper.

IN DISPUTE

Like the first, this was removed from him, said Mr Turner, but the substance of it was: "Dear Ernest, the cars are now ready for collection. I have seen them, and they are beautiful. Will you pay for the same and do all that is necessary. Yours as ever, Syd."

Having shown that letter to Mr Greaney, Ernest Silverman asked for the balance of the money £475.

"Of course," said Mr Turner, "the car never arrived. On the next remand I hope to call Mr Sydney Silverman, to tell you what the position was in relation to this matter and, indeed, to tell whether he knew anything about it at all."

Ernest Silverman also faces charges of obtaining goods by false pretences. These included a silver tray, three gold cigarette cases, a gold watch, and a gold and enamel egg-cup.

When asked if he wished to question Mr Greaney he said: "Oh, yes. All this is in dispute. He was remanded in custody."

Peking Backs Accusation

London, Feb. 25. The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, has announced his support for the North Korean protest against the alleged use of bacteriological warfare by the United States Government, according to a New China News Agency message received here today.

The North Korean protest was made on Feb. 23 when the Foreign Minister, Pak Hen-yen, accused America of dropping insects on North Korea to spread cholera and other diseases.

Retorting the charges, Mr Chou said, "I am authorized to state formally that the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic and the Chinese peoples fully support the position of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."—Reuter.

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Eisenhower Or Taft? Split In Republican Party Is Worsening Unusually-Deep Cleavage

Washington, Feb. 25.

One of the bitterest battles in American political party history appears to be shaping over whether the Republican Party shall nominate General Dwight D. Eisenhower or Senator Robert A. Taft as its candidate in the November Presidential election.

The Republican Party will not finally choose its candidate until the nominating convention meets in July.

A more than usually deep cleavage over the candidacy has, however, been revealed by preliminary organising committees of the Party and current campaigns for the election of Party delegates to the convention.

There has been some very harsh name-calling, particularly from the Taft camp.

Thus, in an obviously deliberate reference to the candidacy of General Eisenhower, Senator Taft's campaign manager declared that "glamour or sex appeal" is no substitute for known performance in political life when it comes to winning or losing an election. At the same time, he scornfully denounced the folly of nominating a "good-looking mortician to preside over the funeral rites" of the Republican Party.

Eisenhower supporters immediately protested that it was a "sacred" and "unpardonable" insult for one Republican to speak of another like that in public.

Such rough words between members of the same party are unusual. But they reflect a long-standing rift in the Republican Party.

This rift has been increased this year by the prominence of the two rival candidates. It has been deepened by the bitterness accumulated in a long series of Republican Presidential election defeats since 1928. It has been exacerbated by 24 years of frequently divided Republican opposition to Democratic policies and legislation.

VIVID CONTRAST

Senator Robert Taft and General Eisenhower are both Middle-Westerners, both grandfathers in their early 60's, both young conservatives in domestic affairs and both declared opponents of bureaucratic controls and the alleged regimentation of business and industry under the New Deal Administration.

Apart from this, the personalities and backgrounds of the General and the Senator are in vivid contrast.

The choice now confronting the Republican Party is between a professional soldier who has dabbled so little in politics that, until this year, no one knew for certain whether he was a Republican or a Democrat, and a lawyer and veteran politician who has been in Senate and party politics so long that he has earned himself the affectionate title of "Mister Republican" among rank and file Republican Party organisers throughout the country.

It is frequently acknowledged by Senator Taft's friends that one of the chief obstacles to his nomination as a Republican candidate has been a certain lack of glamour in his personality. They counter-claim that his solid qualities provide the type of "hardy colour" that does not fade, and that he alone can bring out in force to the polls the regular party voters who form the hard core of the Republican vote.

A SYMBOL

Backers of General Eisenhower declare that he would have a tremendous vote-winning appeal to the independent voters who have hitherto decided Presidential elections in favour of the Democrats. This, they claim, is because of his popularity as a war hero, his charm as a radio and television personality, and his nearly 100 per cent American ancestry and characteristics.

As the Supreme Commander of the Allied invasion of Europe in 1944 and of the North Atlantic Treaty Forces in Europe since January, 1951, General

Eisenhower has become a symbol of United States co-operation with Western Europe in its resistance to aggression.

A consistent leader of opposition to lend-lease aid to Britain and Western Europe in 1941, to post-war foreign aid programmes and to the North Atlantic Alliance itself, Senator Taft has been the idol of the isolationist wing of the Senate for many years and has advocated each year cutting severely the aid-to-Europe programmes upon which General Eisenhower's command is now dependent.

GREATER GAP

In every Presidential election since 1940, foreign affairs have played an increasingly important part. Next November, they are expected to play a greater part than ever.

In face of these differences between General Eisenhower and Senator Taft over the role of the United States in world affairs today, the struggle between them for the Republican candidacy between now and next July may well be more bitter and violent than the struggle between the Republican and Democratic parties for the Presidency itself between July and next November.

The gap which divides the General and the Senator in the field of foreign affairs is certainly greater than that which would divide General Eisenhower and Mr Truman in a Presidential election campaign, should they become the candidates of their respective parties.—Reuter.

TRUMAN'S TOUR

Washington, Feb. 25. President Truman will probably leave for Key West, Florida, next week-end to take a three-week rest before starting on a trip across the United States.

According to sources close to the White House, President Truman intends to embark next Spring on a stumping tour in support of the Democratic Party, whether or not he accepts candidature in the Presidential elections.—France-Press.

Reds Get A Rebuff

Nicosia, Feb. 25. The Cyprus Government has refused permission for a Communist-sponsored Middle East Peace Congress to be held here.

A letter sent today to Dr Vassos Lyssarides, the President of the local Peace Committee, by the Nicosia Commissioner, Mr Ivan Lloyd Phillips, said that he could not allow the Congress.

Dr Lyssarides said that the Government's refusal was a blow against peace. He appealed to all Cypriots who did not want Cyprus converted into a Hiroshima (where the first atom bomb was dropped in 1945) to oppose the Government's decision.

The Committee aimed to invite Near and Middle East and North African countries to the Congress, to link Cyprus's name with peace ideals.—Reuter.

PENGUIN SURPRISES AMERICA

Port Gordon, Miss., Feb. 25.

Pam, a grown penguin on tour, laid an egg in this Mississippi river town.

Pam is one of four penguins on tour with Mr and Mrs Leonard Neibi of Columbus, Ind.

The New York Bronx Zoo said penguins do not often breed under such circumstances. Breeding of penguins was begun by the Bronx Zoo in the early 1940's and since then at least 20 eggs have been hatched. Many have been raised to maturity.

The Edinburgh, Scotland, Zoo has become famous for hatching penguins.

The London Zoo has also enjoyed success in hatching penguin eggs.

Pam and her mate, Wimpy, live in a refrigerated truck complete with cakes of ice and a swimming pool. They share this luxury with another penguin couple, Billy and Tilly.

Unlike other wild life that changes mates each season, the penguins remain "married" for life, for better or for worse. It will be four weeks before the penguin couple can expect an offspring.—Associated Press.

American Allocation To Formosa

Washington, Feb. 25.

The Mutual Security Administration today allocated to Formosa \$1,000,000 in American and Japanese steel manufactures, electrical apparatus, construction, mining equipment and industrial machinery.

Burma received \$71,000 in American technical assistance.

India-China was awarded \$41,000 in American electrical apparatus.

The Philippines was allocated \$1,420,000 in commodities covering MSA industrial projects in the islands, including low-cost housing materials.

These include American, Japanese, and European chemicals, non-metallic minerals, iron and steel manufactures, electrical apparatus, industrial machinery, iron and steel mill materials, agriculture equipment, seeds, and technical assistance.

Thailand got \$16,000 in American construction and mine equipment.—Associated Press.

Plague Delays Emigration

Tel-Aviv, Feb. 25.

Jewish Agency sources said today that the recently resumed emigration of Iranian Jews to Israel has been interrupted because of a plague in an interior district of Iran.

A despatch from Teheran tonight also quoted newspaper reports that at least 60 had died of an epidemic ravaging Kurdish tribes along the Western Iranian frontier, bordering on Iraq.

Israel had expected 1,200 emigrants a month from Iran. A group of 99 Iranian Jews who arrived last Thursday were placed in camp under quarantine.—Associated Press.

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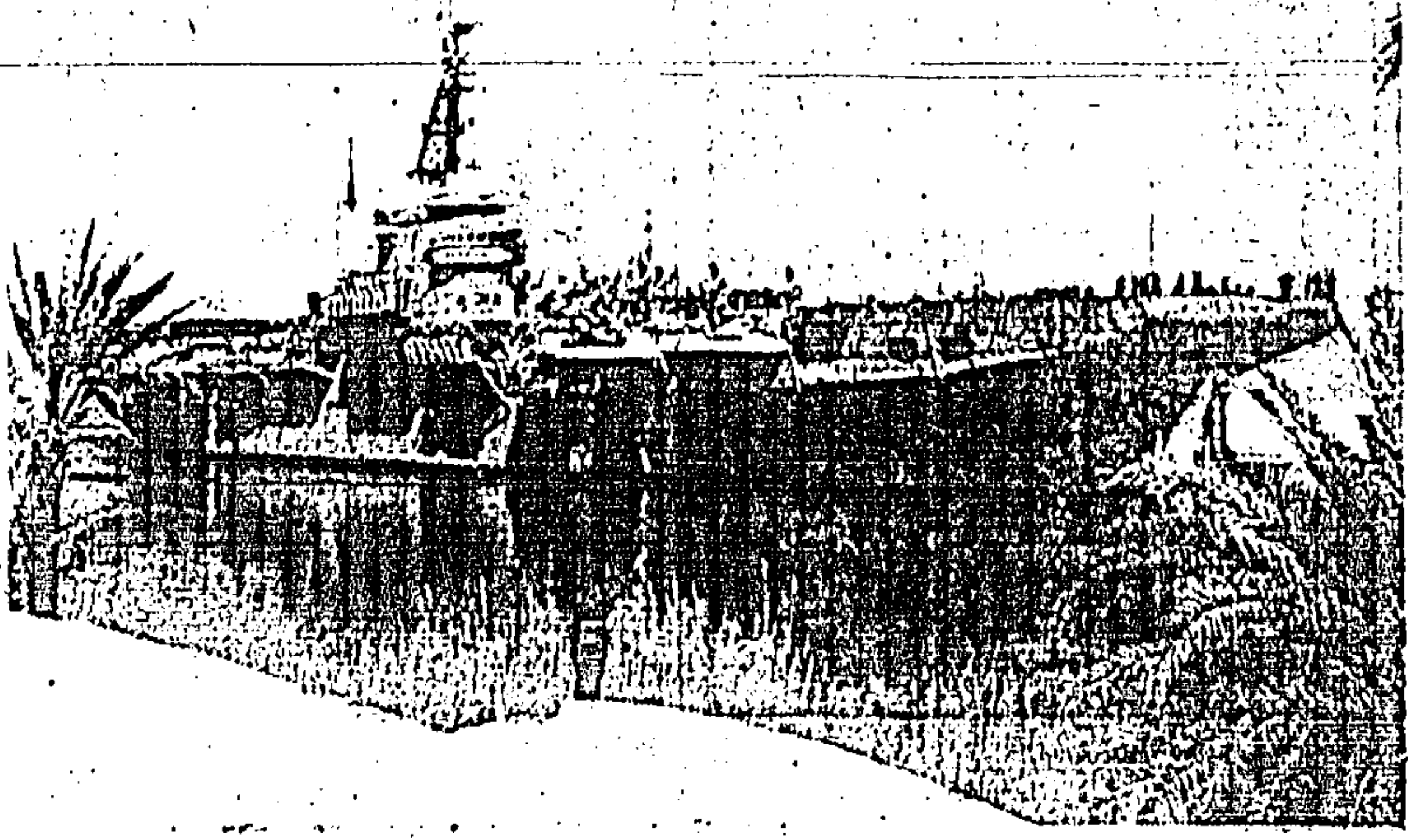
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British Carrier Passes Through Suez Canal



The aircraft carrier HMS Vengeance passes along the Suez Canal and, like the water, the situation was calm. Not so long ago, at Ismailia, where this picture was taken, it was a different story. — Express Service.

Pacifist MP Snubbed

London, Feb. 25. The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, in reply to questions, told the House of Commons today that Britain did not intend to send Ministers to Australia to view the tests of British atomic weapons there this year.

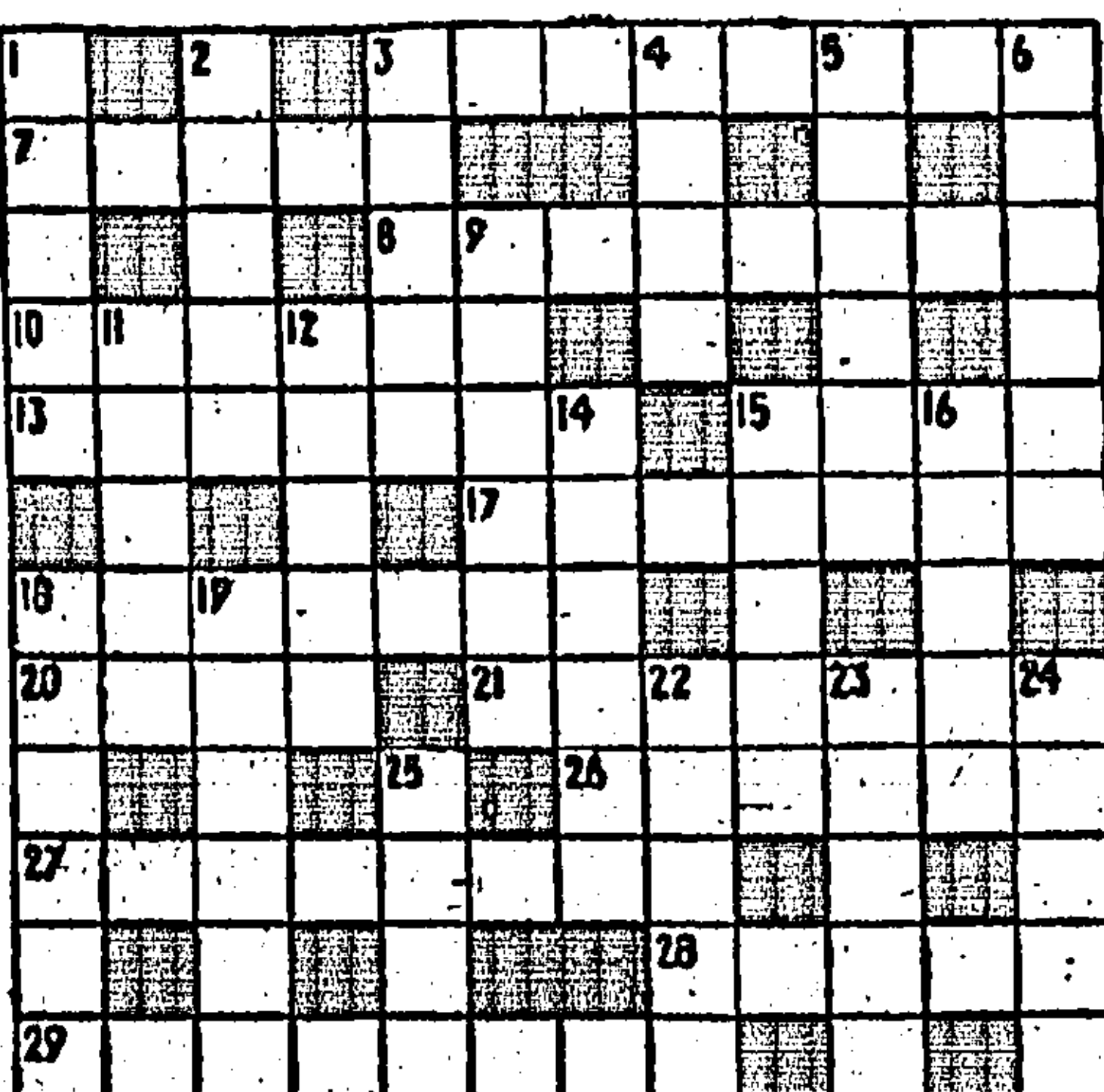
A Labour pacifist, Mr. Emrys Hughes, asked if the Prime Minister would invite a delegation of Christian churches, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to see the explosion of "this infernal machine" and report progress.

Mr. Churchill replied, "I am not sure about that. Anyway, as the whole of the preparations were made by the late Government from them whether they would desire a delegation from the Christian churches to examine the infernal machine." — Reuter.

MAIN CARRIER OF TYPHUS

Singapore, Feb. 25. The rice-field rat is the main carrier of scrub typhus in Malaya, research has revealed. Dr. J. R. Andry, of the Kuala Lumpur Institute of Medical Research, said the rice-field rat is more active in spreading typhus germs than the wood rat and the house rat. — Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Place below water (8).
 - Alm (5).
 - Prelude (8).
 - Demand for repeat performance (6).
 - Scatters (7).
 - Smoke passage (4).
 - Marked by great physical force (7).
 - Part of a church (7).
 - In this place (4).
 - White ant (7).
 - Necessary (6).
 - Mistrust (6).
 - Traffic (5).
 - Hangs (6).
- DOWN**
- Spotted (5).
 - Plates (6).
 - Stock (5).
 - Gibson (4).
 - Russian currency (6).
 - Hole for a shoe lace (6).
 - Meat (6).
 - Noise (5).
 - Give one's opinion (5).
 - Quiet (6).
 - Blaze (5).
 - Amalgamate (5).
 - Purities (6).
 - Gels up (6).
 - Does no work (5).
 - Beyond compare (5).
 - Sides (5).
 - Lake (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1. Ballad, 5. Arabs, 6. Metre, 9. Recall, 10. Tepid, 11. Dovel, 12. Anon, 13. Seize, 16. Decade, 18. Season, 20. Storm, 22. Sage, 23. Ogres, 25. Spade, 26. Hiding, 27. Eered, 28. Cross, 29. Defect. Down—1. Barracks, 2. Lencovo, 3. Armid, 4. Delects, 5. Artisan, 6. Repled, 7. Brief, 14. Relative, 15. Straight, 16. Dangars, 17. Covered, 19. Grades, 21. Taper, 24. Side.

YOSHIDA MEETING OPPOSITION

Military Spending Criticised Administrative Agreement With U.S. Under Fire

Tokyo, Feb. 25.

Japan's three main Opposition parties were today preparing attacks on the defence cost items in the current Budget Bill associated with the still secret terms of the United States-Japan administrative agreement.

The various parties' policy committees today announced fresh moves after sharp criticism of the Government for cutting off the debate in the Budget Committee on the terms of the administrative agreement.

The Progressive Party, the largest Opposition group, formally decided to ask the Government to defer the submission of the defence cost portion of the Budget until after the signing of the administrative agreement.

A spokesman said that the Progressive Party, in the Budget Committee tomorrow, would demand the deletion of the security expenditure on the grounds that the item was similar to the military budgets before and during the second world war.

The spokesman said that the Progressive Party contended that a proper debate was impossible until the details of the administrative agreement were known.

It would be suggested that the defence costs should come up as a supplementary Budget when the agreement was made public knowledge.

Japanese newspapers today pointed out that an overwhelming Government majority would almost certainly ensure the undisturbed passage of the Budget through the Committee tomorrow to be ready for the Diet debate on Feb. 27.

The rightist Socialist Party was reported to be planning to propose the elimination of the defence and security appropriations.

PUBLIC CRITICISM

Reliable sources said that the party wanted the funds diverted to relief projects and power development.

Leftwing Socialists supported this proposal and said that their party also would demand the elimination of funds earmarked for the repayment of American financial aid.

The party wanted a liquidation of foreign debts deferred to later Budgets.

The Opposition plans were formed while the Japanese Press freely speculated that public criticism had forced at least one compromise on the final terms of the administrative agreement, which defines the application of the United States-Japan security pact.

This was the question of jurisdiction over garrison personnel stationed in Japan, the terms now provide for Japan to request the transfer of jurisdiction in certain cases.

Most leading newspapers believed that an exchange of "open letters" between the two countries would cover this modification of full United States jurisdiction.

Sources close to the United States mission, which has remained silent throughout the growing criticism of the secret nature of the negotiations, said that this criticism had caused embarrassment.

A major bank robbery, alleged to involve foreigners at the time that the status of post-occupation personnel was under discussion, fed Japanese criticism.

Today's Japanese papers displayed prominently the story of three armed hold-ups within 20 minutes alleged to have been committed by a uniformed foreigner.

Reliable sources said that the crimes may have influenced the United States delegation to make a compromise over the issue of jurisdiction.

They pointed out that Far East Headquarters, at the height

of the local criticism, issued a statement that crimes by military personnel were amazingly low.

The determined Opposition attack on the Budget items allied to the terms of the administrative agreement was believed by political circles here to reflect reports that both countries would either sign or initial the agreement within a week.

Another reason for the concerted pressure was given by veteran observers here.

They said that the nature of Japanese politics made it almost certain that the general trend of the terms, had "leaked" to Japanese politicians.

Some members of the Government Liberal Party had joined the criticism of the Cabinet's refusal to disclose the terms to the Diet before Japan was committed.

Throughout the widespread public debate has run the criticism that American pressure was affecting the Japanese Cabinet's decisions.

CRITICS' VIEW

Most critics said that the administrative agreement should wait until Japan was fully sovereign.

Newspeople tonight reported that the Liberal Party's Executive, disturbed by increasing crimes by aliens, wanted the question of jurisdiction over garrison personnel studied on an equal footing between Japan and the United States.

The Liberal Party's Executive Board declared "Foreigners' crimes have increased remarkably in recent weeks."

This was directly in contradiction to an official statement from the U.S. Provost Marshal in Tokyo. He said crimes by Americans throughout the occupation had been amazingly low and were decreasing. — Associated Press.

The council earlier had objected to the answers delivered by Ministers as ambiguous and insincere.

The council's outline of its attack on the Budget debate, scheduled for tomorrow, included these points:

The Budget's defence appropriations were inoperably related to the unknown terms of the administrative agreement.

The National Police Reserve should clarify its character as a defence corps.

The increasing defence costs would affect the country's living standard.

The proportion of the defence costs to be shared between Japan and the United States should be clarified.

Another attempt would be made to find out the nature of the concessions regarding the authority of the Japanese police over garrison personnel and their families. — Reuter.

RARE AGREEMENT

Tokyo, Feb. 25. All of Japan's political parties, including the Communists, are in rare agreement in opposing American jurisdiction over post-occupation U.S. garrison troops who may violate Japanese criminal law.

For a full week the Japanese Press has played up "foreigner" crimes, a subject that had been virtually taboo from the start of the occupation in 1945.

The Budget campaign and pressure from political parties coincided with U.S.-Japanese talks dealing with security arrangements after the peace treaty is effective.

The newspaper Asahi, leading Conservative organ, reported today that the U.S. had made a partial concession to voluntarily give jurisdiction to Japan, in cases of importance to Japan.

Housewives On Their Toes

Paris, Feb. 25. Twelve finalists of more than 25,000 French housewives, aged between 20 and 40, competed here today for the title of "the ideal French housewife of 1952."

The winner will collect a one million franc prize at a gala reception. From dawn until midday, the wives and mothers demonstrated their ability to cook, sew and iron. They each prepared this main dish of food experts: stuffed veal with Italian rice and sauce. Each had to iron a man's shirt in the afternoon for a written examination in housewifery. — Reuter.

MOVE FOR INCREASING TRADE

Penang, Feb. 26. The Malayan Federation Government is to ask Indonesia to modify its banking regulations for trade between Northern Sumatra and Malaya.

A. D. Dawson, Economic Affairs official, said trade between Penang and Sumatra had been hampered by Indonesian regulations requiring letters of credit. Penang traders were not opposed to the principle of letters of credit, he said, but conditions in Northern Sumatra created practical difficulties.

Proposals to modify the regulations were drawn up at a recent meeting of the Penang Rubber Trade Association, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Penang Importers and Exporters Association and the Aceh Trading Association.

Mr. Dawson said the proposals would not be made public immediately because the traders want friendly negotiations with the Indonesian Government. — Associated Press.

Alleged Remarks By C.I.G.S.

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE

London, Feb. 25.

The Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, today described as inaccurate a statement attributed to the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, that a conflict between Russia and the capitalist world is inevitable and that Russia is preparing to attack Egypt.

He was replying to a question in the House of Commons by Mr. Fenner Brockway (Labour) who asked him to publish a British record of the conversations conducted in Cairo by Field-Marshal Slim on June 5 and 6, July 8 and August 3 and 14, 1950.

Mr. Brockway said that the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs had published an official record of the talks held on these dates between Field-Marshal Slim, the British Ambassador in Cairo, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and the British Minister, Mr. E. Chapman Andrews, for Britain, and the then Egyptian Prime Minister, Mustafa el Nohas Pasha, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohamed Salah el Din Bey, for Egypt.

Mr. Lloyd replied that a report on recent diplomatic negotiations with Egypt on defence of the Suez Canal and the future of the Sudan was published as a White Paper by the British Government last November, but added that the conversations to which Mr. Brockway referred were of an informal and technical nature and no concrete records were kept.

Pressed by Mr. Brockway to comment on the alleged statement on future conflict with Russia attributed in the Egyptian version of the conversations to Field-Marshal Slim, Mr. Lloyd said, "The account given is not an accurate or agreed account." — Reuter.

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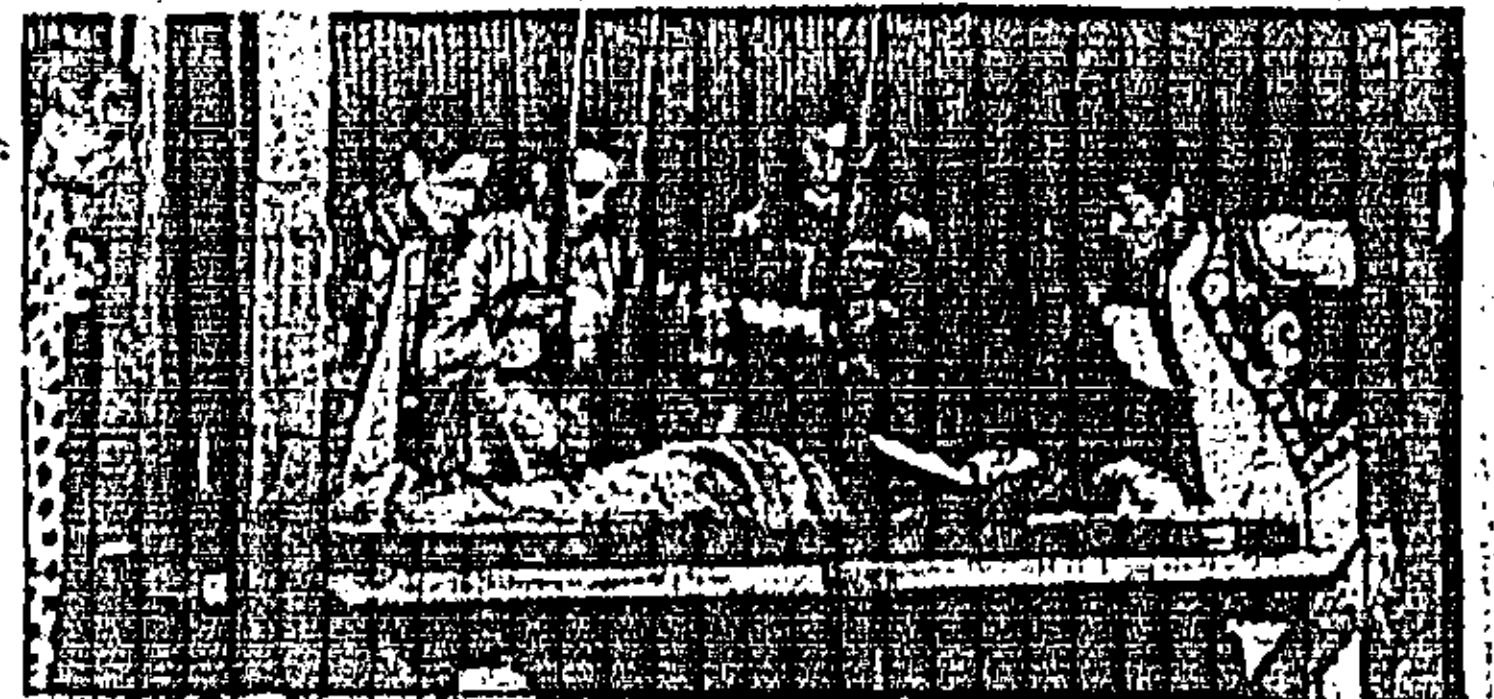


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A Churchill Symphony

Copenhagen, Feb. 25. A 63-year-old retired Danish Army doctor, Dr. G. C. Loebner, has written a symphonic poem in three movements entitled "Winston Churchill."

It was first performed before a distinguished audience at Copenhagen's largest concert hall.

The three movements are entitled "Warsaw — Dunkirk," "England" and "From Coventry to V-Day." — Reuter.



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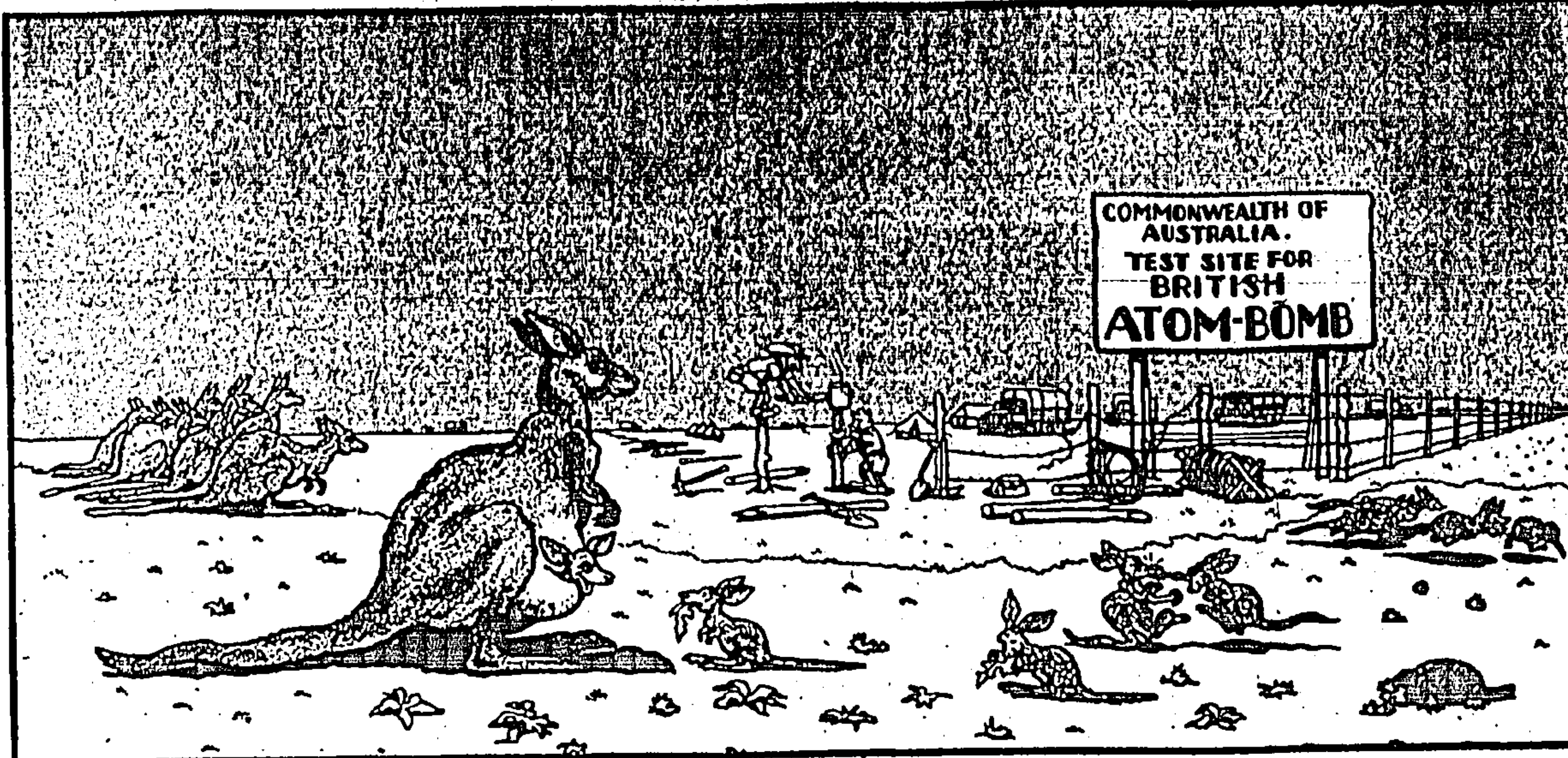
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What Will The New Queen (and Her Husband) Be Paid?

by
BERNARD HARRIS

BEFORE long the new Queen will send a message to Parliament formally renouncing the income—now around £2,000,000 gross a year—from the Crown Lands.

In return the Queen will ask that provision shall be made for "the honour and dignity of the Crown and the Royal Family."

As the Duke of Windsor comments in "A King's Story," this exchange of hereditary revenues for a fixed payment is a bargain for the country.

For the revenues which the Monarch surrenders—and has done since the days of George III—are now about twice as large as the allowances paid by the nation for the upkeep of the Royal Family.

A NEW BILL

When the message has been received, a select committee of 21 M.P.s, representing all parties, will be set up to consider it.

The committee's proposals will be incorporated in a Civil List Bill which, by law, has to come into force within six months of the end of the late King's reign.

Meantime, the previous financial arrangements continue, with the exception that the Queen Mother will receive an annuity of £70,000 a year, for which provision was made in 1937.

The present scale of payments is—

KING'S CIVIL LIST, £410,000 a year.

QUEEN MARY, £70,000 a year.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH, now the Queen, £40,000.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, £10,000.

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, £35,000.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL, £6,000.

PRINCESS MARGARET, £6,000.

£90,000 TODAY

The new Civil List will be of outstanding interest because, for the first time in 112 years, provision will have to be made for the Queen's husband.

If the precedent of Prince Albert is followed, the DUKE OF EDINBURGH will be paid £30,000 a year.

But Prince Albert's £30,000 would be about £90,000 a year now. So the Duke may be paid more than £30,000.

Every endeavour will be made to avoid controversy. There was plenty of it in 1840.

In January of that year Queen Victoria in the Speech from the Throne announced her impending marriage, and added:

"The constant proofs I have received of your attachment to my person and family persuade me that you will enable me to provide for such an establishment as may appear suitable to the rank of the Prince and the dignity of the Crown."

The Cabinet proposed that £50,000 a year for life should be paid to Prince Albert. Mr. Hume, the member for Kilkenny, objected that the country could not meet so great

an additional expense without "imposing severe burdens on the people."

An amendment to cut the proposed allowance from £50,000 to £21,000 was defeated. But, despite hot opposition from the Cabinet, a second amendment that Prince Albert should be paid £30,000, instead of £50,000, was carried.

Apart from an increase for the Duke of Edinburgh, the select committee is likely to recommend a larger allowance for PRINCESS MARGARET. For she will now have increased responsibilities and additional duties to perform.

The DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, on the other hand, may take a cut. As a younger son of King George V he receives an annuity of £25,000 a year. This was supplemented in 1937 with a further £10,000 a year because of his "additional duties during the minority of Princess Elizabeth."

UP TO £40,000

The reason for that extra £10,000 no longer exists, and presumably the select committee will take that into consideration when it gets down to work.

In 1937 11-year-old Princess Elizabeth, as heir presumptive, was given an income of £6,000 a year. This was raised to

£15,000 when she came of age. And on her marriage her allowance went up to £40,000, with a further £10,000 for her husband.

The new heir apparent, PRINCE CHARLES, now the Duke of Cornwall, is only a little over three years old. Will he get an income of his own?

He is entitled to the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, amounting, according to the latest available figure, to about £100,000 a year. But because of his youth only a fraction is likely to be paid over.

HIS 'EXPENSES'

The 1937 select committee had to take into account the possibility that the late King and his wife might have a son.

They recommended that

"in the event of the birth of a Duke of Cornwall there should be paid to the revenues of the Duchy £25,000 a year for the maintenance and education of the Duke and in part for the paying of sums to trustees to be accumulated by them to make provision for a future Duchess."

An "accumulating" provision of this sort may be recommended by the new select committee.

Prince Charles's sister, PRINCESS ANNE, will probably not get an income of her own until she comes of age.

Because there was no Duke of Cornwall during the late reign, the revenues from the Duchy vested in the King.

Out of them the incomes of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester were paid. The residue went to reduce the King's Civil List.

It was commonly said that KING GEORGE VI was the most underpaid monarch in the world. Certainly, after the war, he had difficulties in making ends meet—difficulties which were recognised last year when the Government relieved the Civil List of payments amounting to £40,000 a year.

The late King's allowance of £410,000, fixed in 1937, was £40,000 less than Edward VII and George V had received in days when living costs were much lower.

Of this £410,000 the amount allowed for his personal outlay was £110,000—which, as the Duke of Windsor has said, "pays for upkeep of the estates of Sandringham and Balmoral, the stud and racing stable, and all private expenses, including many subscriptions and donations to charity."

Salaries of the King's household, "from the Lord Chamberlain down to the coal porters," accounted for £134,000. Maintenance of the household took a further £152,800.

'LIBERAL SPIRIT'

"Only by economising in his personal expenses," said the Duke, discussing the position of the monarchy, "has the King been able to meet his public liabilities without asking Parliament for additional funds."

In December 1937 Queen Victoria went in state to thank Parliament for her Civil List.

The Speaker says the Annual Register for that year "observed that the list had been framed in a liberal and confiding spirit."

It is likely that this same spirit will still prevail after 115 years.

AN AMERICAN BECOMES A BRITON

(BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

A HOMELESS English child has inspired 29-year-old Maurice Burke, former G.I., to become a British citizen. He has given up the orange groves of California for a caravan in Chertsey.

Maurice first saw England as a U.S. Air Force corporal in 1943. Norwich, where he was stationed, reminded him of Staples, Minnesota, his home town in the Middle West.

Cambridge and its ancient culture moved him to admiration. England's ways seeped into his affections.

So it was no surprise for Maurice to find himself in love with an English girl. He married blonde, blue-eyed Victoria Andrews in 1946.

Victoria, then 18, followed Maurice first to Minnesota and then to California. There, at San Leandro, Maurice earned £18 a week and they lived in an orange grove.

They had a spacious, four-room apartment. Victoria shopped excitedly at the gay stores. She could buy anything—if she had the money.

But the heat—they preferred the pictures to the beaches—and cooling thoughts of England made Victoria homesick.

After 14 months they returned to live with her parents at Southall in Middlesex. Soon they got a home of their own. It was a caravan on the edge of a field in Mixhams Lane Chertsey.

Maurice earned £9-10s. a week in a quarry; and they were happy—except for one thing. Victoria was told she could not have a child.

They decided to adopt one, and found ten-day-old Sandra. But, said the authorities, they could not adopt the child while Maurice was American.

So Maurice, there and then, applied for naturalisation.

Last month the certificate reached Maurice. Three days later an adoption court told him: "Sandra is yours."

And Sandra, now 20 months old, sleeps in the cosy Surrey caravan. Maurice whispered what he had to say.

What he had to say was: "England is the place for me for ever. There is a housing shortage in America, too."

"Tobacco is much dearer here, and I can't afford to drink at all. But in other respects my £9-10s. brings in as many comforts as we got in America."

He put his arm round his wife and said: "I like it anywhere in England." He looked across to the cot and added: "And especially with Sandra."

His wife whispered: "Tea or coffee?" He grinned: "How about coffee?" She said: "You're English now—its tea."

And he liked the sound of that.

610 millions now in the Empire —and 7 out of 8 are coloured

FORTY MILLION "missing" people of the Empire, almost as many as live in England, have been discovered.

Instead of being head of about 570 million, as was widely accepted, Queen Elizabeth II is actually the head of around 610 million.

This is more than a quarter of the estimated world population.

Postwar census figures and more efficient estimating are responsible for the higher figure.

Previous estimates were off the target because—

1. Some countries never had a real census—some still await one.
2. Chaos of war led to confusion in many lands.
3. There was difficulty in assessing nomad and isolated peoples.
4. Unofficial migration: In Hongkong, for example, the population quadrupled in seven years, many of the newcomers being refugees from China.

Here are some facts about Empire populations today—

INDIA: Census figures show about 387 million.

Yet, until recently, our own official Commonwealth Relations Office List gave an estimate of 295,549,404.

India's population, under British rule, trebled itself in 60 years. It is believed to be increasing by four million every year.

In KENYA a million more Africans were counted—the estimate being wrong by 20 per cent.

MALAYA, too, has 100,000 more than anticipated.

NIGERIA, our largest Colonial territory, provides a remarkable example of misleading estimates. In 1943 it was thought to have about 21 million inhabitants; in 1948, 25 million. Now it is being spoken of as 28 million.

CEYLON's population is increasing by nearly three per cent each year.

And the population of EAST AFRICA is reported to have increased by 115 per cent in 17 years.

Crowded Britain

SOUTHERN RHODESIA'S has (most) trebled itself in 40 years.

Can these figures be claimed as evidence of the benefits of British rule?

It looks like it. For, in China, there has been little to

show the population has increased on anything like the same scale.

Is INDIA, with her hundreds of millions, the most crowded of the major Empire countries?

No. It is Britain.

There are 531 people to the square mile in Britain; 313 in India.

Yet, in AUSTRALIA, there are only 2.8 people to the square mile; and 3.3 in CANADA.

In one area of the Empire—the Antarctic Dependencies—covering 2,647,000 square miles, there are no permanent human inhabitants.

The population in Britain has increased by about 4,000,000 in 20 years, roughly nine per cent.

We have not lost any great number by migration.

For the white population of the Empire as a whole has increased from the 70,000,000 in 1940 only to about 77,500,000—just over ten per cent in 12 years.

That means that almost seven out of every eight Empire folk are black, brown or yellow.

During the 84 years of Queen Mary's life the Empire peoples have more than doubled.

Look at these figures—

1661 — 259 million.
1871 — 283 million.
1881 — 310 million.
1891 — 321 million.
1901 — 400 million.

By 1920, there were around 475 million, and just before the last war the figure was thought to be about 510 million.

Third Of World

In 1945, the figure of 550 million was being used.

Then we lost Burma, Eire, Transjordan and Palestine from the family—and with them about 23 million people.

Yet, here we are now with 610 million!

Queen Elizabeth the First, in whose reign the Empire really began, ruled over a mere four millions.

One last point. The Empire is not "a quarter of the earth's surface," as is so often declaimed.

It is really not far short of a third.

But that is counting the huge area of the Antarctic Dependencies.

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WOMANSENSE

When It Came To Colours, Hats, Fabrics And The New Line— PARIS HAD NOTHING ON LONDON

By SUSAN DEACON

LONDON fashion designers have often been accused of having "nothing new" in their fashion collections.

If they did show anything new, they were told "Don't try to compete with Paris—stick to tailoring. We saw it in Paris last season."

These criticisms were received in a dignified silence. This spring 1952 season I saw the London fashion collections, and then went on to Paris. What was new in Paris? Nothing. I had seen it all before in London.

The Paris shows are more extravagant and lavish than the London collections.

I watched 200 models at one show, against 63 at Hardy Amies in London.

But, this season, London was first with much of the fashion detail, the colours and fabrics.

IN LONDON the COLOURS were sombre. I saw a new pinky beige. Lots of all-white and all-black and grey. And IN PARIS the colours were the same.

IN LONDON, HATS had the new wide look, with fewer flower trimmings and more coloured veiling. IN PARIS—the same.

IN LONDON, the newest FABRICS were silk tweed, silk straw, Paisley patterns, cloudy print, Donegal tweeds, and shantung. IN PARIS—the same.

IN LONDON, Digby Morton showed his new line, "Breadth Without Thickness." IN PARIS, Desse showed the same line.

IN LONDON, Lachasse showed the new "masher" suit, which ignores the waistline. IN PARIS, most designers showed the same line.

Household Hint

To clean a black leather handbag, smooth a thick layer of pure white soap or saddle soap on the bag. Rub hard and let the soap stay on for a few minutes to dissolve any grease spots; then rub dry with a clean piece of flannel. You can use shoe polish to renew the leather, but be sure you buff it briskly to remove any excess polish.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Talk With The Butterflies

—It Turns Out to Be a Rather One-sided Affair!

By MAX TRELL

KNAFF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting on the low stone wall that ran along the edge of the grassy slope. It was a lovely afternoon of sunshine. The birds were flying about their business. The grasshoppers and beetles and crickets and all the other bugs were doing whatever they had to do and doing it with pleasure, because it was such a fine day.

Knaff and Hanid watched two butterflies who seemed to be playing a game of tag with one another. One was yellow, the other was white. They fluttered and flittered and fell and rose and turned and dodged, so that it was impossible to say which butterfly was chasing the other one, and which one was being chased.

Good Time

"I wonder if they're having a good time," Hanid said to her brother.

"Of course, they are!" said Knaff. Just then Mr Merlin the magician came out from behind a gooseberry bush. He nodded good-afternoon.

"Good afternoon," said Knaff. "Good afternoon, Mr Merlin," said Hanid. "We were just looking at those two butterflies and wondering if they were having a good time."

"It's hard to tell," said Knaff, "because we can't hear what they're saying."

"Are they saying anything?" Hanid asked.

"Certainly," said Mr Merlin. "Butterflies can talk."

"But we can't hear them," said Knaff.

"Here Mr Merlin reached into his pocket and pulled out the ROCKET RING.



Street Scene

CHECKED men's wear suitings in both rayon and woolsens appear in all year-round suits and in good dresses designed to fill the need for neat but not overdone all-day wear. This woollen fabric in grey and black check (at right) comes through nicely. The neckline closes to one pointed side with a large shiny black button, and is convertible to an open, casual line. Black patent leather is used for the contour belt. One large patch pocket is placed slantwise at the hip. The skirt is slim but easy enough for motion.

Oxford-grey-worsted striped in a lighter tone is the medium used for an eminently practical and pretty street dress (extreme right). The open V neck with flaring, pointed collar makes a flattering frame for a black taffeta ascot caught by a jewelled pin. The dolman sleeves are puffed and pushed up. The skirt has a drapery peg-top line that tapers to a slender line.



Gray and black check.

Gray worsted daytime dress.

CARE FOR SALLOW SKIN

Make-up for fallow skin should be chosen carefully. Try lipstick out on your arm. Select a delicate shade.

By HELEN FOLLETT

THE woman with a fallow complexion feels that she can never qualify for the beauty chorus. She envies the lucky lassies whose skins are like gardenias and roses. Make-up doesn't seem to help much, though it will if she will find out what to use and how to use it.

She needs a powder of golden cast; it will camouflage that green-yellow look that so distresses her; it will give her skin more character. To apply true reds in rouge or lipstick is a pulchritude error. Faint delicate tints are more becoming and some of the orange-reds will serve. No matter what she selects she must soft-

pedal the application to the colour of her skin. Her good-looks grief may be due to a diet deficiency or lack of vitamins. Beauticians suggest that every morning, before breakfast, the victim of this trouble should drink a full glass of water to which the juice of half a lemon and a little salt have been added. It will have a favourable effect upon the digestive machinery, the stomach, intestinal tract and the liver. Butter-milk also is a help.

Local Treatment

Local treatments consist of applications of mild bleaching lotions if the skin is oily; whitening creams if the sur-

face is excessively dry. A good home lotion is made by combining equal parts of peroxide—it must be from a freshly-opened bottle—and strained lemon juice.

But the important thing is to work from within. Cut down on fried foods that are hard to digest. Instead of pastries, take fruit juices. Avoid carrots. That may sound silly to you, but it is a fact that individuals who eat too freely of yellow vegetables, such as sweet potatoes, carrots, squash and turnips, frequently find that the once-fair skin has changed in colour. Anyhow, be on the safe side and cut them out if you belong to the fallow contingent of damsels.

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Savoury Sausages & Fried Apples

By Ida Bailey Allen

"THE American fresh sausage meat is the best I have ever tasted," observed the Chef. But right now I am referring to the good pork sausage links and to sausage meat."

The Chef expertly turned the sausage links he was cooking. "For this I always use the cooking tongs; a fork is likely to pierce the sausage so some of that fine flavour is lost. Some people prefer holes in the sausages before cooking—to prevent them from bursting. But that is not necessary. I always put two or three tablespoons of water in the frying pan, cover, and let them steam and cook about 3 minutes. Then I uncover. The water soon evaporates, the sausages remain whole, and then they can be slowly browned."

Sausage Fat

"I'm glad to see you pour off the sausage fat when it accumulates in the pan, Chef."

"Ah, oui, Madame. It is good to use for frying potatoes, or to season cabbage, kale or turnip. After all, the sausage fat is just as valuable as the meat. It costs just as much."

"Sausages are what I call a versatile food. One or two sausage links with griddle cakes makes a hearty breakfast. With creamed potatoes we have a good lunch. And for dinner they are most appetising with fried apples, the dish we are featuring today."

Dinner

Cabbage Carrot
and Young Onion Salads
Browned Sausages Fried Apples
Whipped Potatoes
Spinach or Greens
Noodle Charlotte
Coffee, Tea or Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Fried Apples

Peel, core and thin-slice enough tart cooking apples to make 1 qt.; stir in 1/2 c. sugar. Melt or pour 4 tsp. sausage fat into a large heavy frying pan. Put in the apples. Cover and slow-cook until tender. Turn occasionally with a spatula or pancake turner. Remove the cover to let the apples slightly brown. Serve in a mound on a platter surrounded with crisp sausage links, sausage cakes, crisp bacon or fried ham.

Noodle Charlotte

Heat 1 pt. milk in a double-boiler. Break 1/4 lb. noodles into small pieces; add to the milk and cook until tender, about 10 min. Beat 2 eggs until fluffy with 7 tsp. sugar or 4 tsp. honey, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Stir into the milk and noodles. Transfer to a qt.-sized buttered or margarine-lined baking dish; set in a pan of boiling water, and bake about 30 min., or until firm, in a moderate oven, 350-375 F. Serve warm or cold, with stewed fruit.

Trick of the Chef

Add a dash of nutmeg when frying apples for exciting flavour.

"AFTER FIVE" NUMBER



For dressy clothes of the "after five" variety, this little jacket of purple velveteen affords a charming accessory. It has a young collar above the concealed fastening, and it curves toward the front and reaches just above the waistline.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Lesson On Object of Bidding

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE hand shown today will seem like sheer insanity to some of my readers. Curiously enough, those are the very readers who are in need of the lesson taught by the hand.

The average bridge player thinks that the object of bidding is to get in a contract that you can make. The expert knows better.

The true object of bidding is to get as many points as possible with good cards and to lose as few points as possible with bad cards. The question is: who plays the hand is a side issue.

For example, take today's "insane" hand. South was Richard L. Frey, one of the all-time great bridge players. What's more, he was playing as hand as he knew how, since the hand took place in a national championship tournament.

Still, there was a player who bid two no-trumps and didn't win a single trick. What sort of serious bid was that?

Actually, Frey expected to hear further from the opponents. If he got doubled at two no-trumps, he expected to make some other "foolish" bid, winding up at three no-trumps. No serious damage could be done by going to North at a contract of three no-trumps.

It turned out, the opponents were the foolish ones, for letting Frey play the hand—even though

he was a side issue.

Neither side vul.
West North East South
1 4 2 2 NT (1)
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—4 K

they managed to win all thirteen tricks against him. The penalty for being down eight tricks undoubtedly was only 400 points. And Frey didn't mind losing 400 points with the cards held by his partnership.

If West had gone on with his own bidding, he could have bid and made a slam at clubs. Counting the value of the game as 300 points (as is the rule in tournament play) and not counting the honours, West would have scored 520 points for bidding and making six clubs.

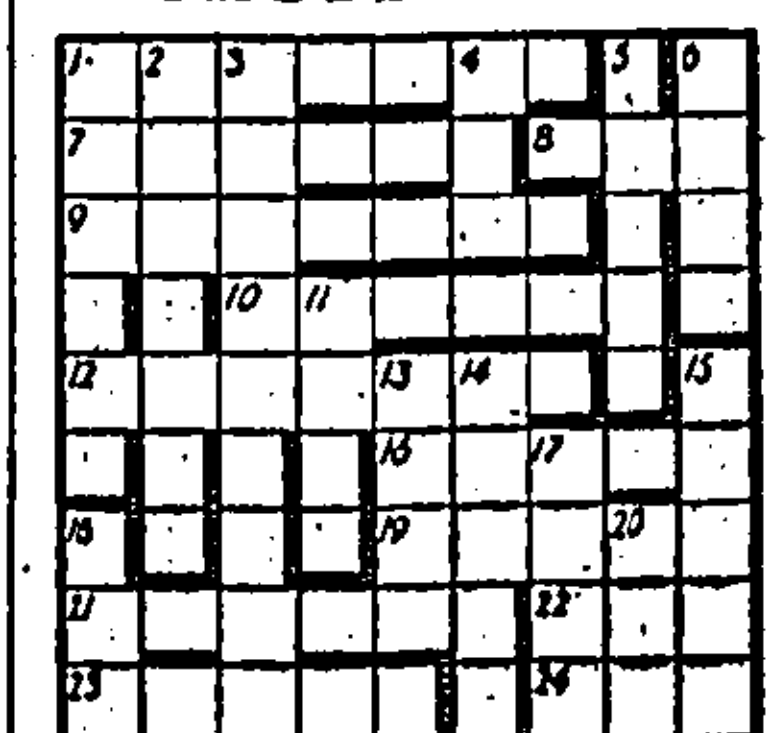
Frey got a good score even though not everybody bid the slam at clubs. Those who stopped at five clubs nevertheless won twelve tricks for a score of 420 points. It will be remembered that Frey lost only 400 points, and the difference of 20 points is vital in tournament play.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You hold: Spades A-Q-J-4, Hearts 8-5, Diamonds 9-3, Clubs A-Q-6-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CROSSWORD



1. Even a fragment will make men rant. (7)
2. No gear change is needed. (6)
3. The tide would rise and fall. (6)
4. Only one thousand longer. (6)
5. Spanish governor goes into the sea. (6)
6. Honeymoon falls. (7)
7. Frodo's place of wood? (6)
8. Spoons. (6)
9. Fancy. (6)
10. Sort of car stick. (6)
11. Follow on. (6)
12. Up to this would make a spell. (6)

Down
1. Language of the gipsies. (6)
2. Wasn't when I got on. (6)
3. Rulers or rulers. (6)
4. Born. (6)
5. It's a thing. (6)
6. Broken ampe. (6)
7. Offensive to the eye. (6)
8. A man who is capable of being retained. (6)
9. Hard to forming a small department. (6)
10. Broken for the sake of a party. (6)
11. 50. Evade the truth. (6)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across
1. Linotype. 2. Ruler. 3. Ruler. 4. Ruler. 5. Ruler. 6. Ruler. 7. Ruler. 8. Ruler. 9. Ruler. 10. Ruler. 11. Ruler. 12. Ruler. 13. Ruler. 14. Ruler. 15. Ruler. 16. Ruler. 17. Ruler. 18. Ruler. 19. Ruler. 20. Ruler. 21. Ruler. 22. Ruler. 23. Ruler. 24. Ruler. 25. Ruler. 26. Ruler. 27. Ruler. 28. Ruler. 29. Ruler. 30. Ruler. 31. Ruler. 32. Ruler. 33. Ruler. 34. Ruler. 35. Ruler. 36. Ruler. 37. Ruler. 38. Ruler. 39. Ruler. 40. Ruler. 41. Ruler. 42. Ruler. 43. Ruler. 44. Ruler. 45. Ruler. 46. Ruler. 47. Ruler. 48. Ruler. 49. Ruler. 50. Ruler. 51. Ruler. 52. Ruler. 53. Ruler. 54. Ruler. 55. Ruler. 56. Ruler. 57. Ruler. 58. Ruler. 59. Ruler. 60. Ruler. 61. Ruler. 62. Ruler. 63. Ruler. 64. Ruler. 65. Ruler. 66. Ruler. 67. Ruler. 68. Ruler. 69. Ruler. 70. Ruler. 71. Ruler. 72. Ruler. 73. Ruler. 74. Ruler. 75. Ruler. 76. Ruler. 77. Ruler. 78. Ruler. 79. Ruler. 80. Ruler. 81. Ruler. 82. Ruler. 83. Ruler. 84. Ruler. 85. Ruler. 86. Ruler. 87. Ruler. 88. Ruler. 89. Ruler. 90. Ruler. 91. Ruler. 92. 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UNIVERSITY DID NOT DO TOO BADLY BY STANDARDS AT ITS ANNUAL SPORTS

By "RECORDER"

Though the general standard at the University Athletic Union's Annual Athletic Meet on Saturday was not too high, quite a good proportion of University athletes appear in the up-to-date list appended of best athletic performances in the Colony this year.

The standard was particularly high in the Shot Put—both men's and women's—and it was fairly high in the High Hurdles and Jumps. Of course, the comparison is with local achievement this year and many of the Colony's best athletes have yet to make a competitive appearance.

The annual sports over the week-end of Wah Yan, La Salle and St Stephen's Colleges produced a heartening display of outstanding performances and a pleasing feature of the La Salle College Sports was the inclusion of the Hop, Step & Jump and Javelin Throw.

Outside of the shot putters, the feminine side of the University programme produced a creditable 13-second effort in the 100 Yards by Joyce Avon, which makes in the 10 best ever in the Colony's history. It will not be accepted as a University record as only one watch recorded it.

There is talent enough at the University, most of it untrained. Norman Lo's remarkable achievement in winning every event from 100 Yards to One Mile had another to equal it in Gerhard Wagner's taking second place in all these events and winning the 10,000 Metres in record time.

The second and third place performances in all the running events other than the 440 Yards were not anywhere near Colony Championship class, but in the 1,000 Metres Relay the University does possess a team to challenge for the Colony Championship. Paul Yap is a promising hurdler and high-jumper and Wai Kee-yin ranks with the Colony's best in the Shot Put and Discus Throw, as does also K. Heltmeier in the javelin event. There are also several promising long-jumpers.

The University will, I understand, make an effort to compete in the Colony Championships in April.

Best performances by Colony athletes in January and February follow:

100 YARDS

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 10.2

Norman Lo (University) 11.7

Cheung Yat-hung (SCAA) 10.4

La Salle (La Salle) 11.2

Shik Ka-lim (SCAA) 10.5

La Salle (La Salle) 10.8

100 METRES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 10.9

Cheung Yat-hung (SCAA) 11.0

La Salle (La Salle) 11.2

Shik Ka-lim (SCAA) 11.3

La Salle (La Salle) 11.4

Robert Wong (St Stephen's) 11.5

440 YARDS

Norman Lo (University) 52.7

L. G. H. Norris (Army) 53.7

1,000 METRES

Norman Lo (University) 22.5

Shik Ka-lim (SCAA) 23.0

Norman Lo (University) 23.7

E. Laurence (La Salle) 24.0

Yung Yung (Wah Yan) 24.3

Shik Ka-lim (SCAA) 24.5

St. Stephen's (Police) 24.8

La Salle (La Salle) 24.9

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Norman Lo (University) 52.7

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St. Stephen's (Police) 24.8

La Salle (La Salle) 24.9

10,000 METRES

Norman Lo (University) 52.7

L. G. H. Norris (Army) 53.7

15,000 METRES

Norman Lo (University) 22.5

Shik Ka-lim (SCAA) 23.0

Norman Lo (University) 23.7

E. Laurence (La Salle) 24.0

Yung Yung (Wah Yan) 24.3

Shik Ka-lim (SCAA) 24.5

UNIVERSITY'S VICTOR LUDORUM



Norman Lo of Morrison Hall, Victor Ludorum at the University Sports.

ON THE RECORD MORRISON HALL GOES ON A TRIBUTE HUNT

Accompanying Morrison Hall on its triumphant march through the other hostels after having won the University Athletic Championships by what was realising an overwhelming margin—one of the biggest in history—this columnist set out with the Colonel used to call a "brute of a cold", acquired somewhere on these long flights of steps leading up to Morrison itself if not earlier, during the prize-giving.

Hence the lateness of this account. It was a worthwhile journey, though, a high spot being the call on the Vice-Chancellor, who surveyed the Morrison gang and said, "What's all the excitement about? The Staff Race, I understand, is fixed every year and it looks very much like the same is true of the Inter-Hotel Championship."

To begin at the beginning, the boy behind the bar-brightened up considerably when we purchased a packet of cigarettes at the Pavilion. It was one of the few bits of business he had done in the course of a whole afternoon. Though beer is served at the Pavilion, little if any of it was served on Saturday afternoon. Before the War it was normal procedure for nearly all weight throwers and tug-of-war men to spend the best part of the afternoon in a private beer-drinking duel.

However, hardly had all the mass of silverware given away as prizes been photographed with the Morrison stalwarts than a whole case of beer arrived.

This was the signal for the start of the Tribute-seeking March, each on to at least one bottle, and the first call was Rice! Rice!

Samb Rice lads in pyjamas sat quietly at the fire and smiled benignly as the Morrissons kept yelling for the Rice! Rice! flag. After one Morrisonian had given up lying full length on the billiard table, the flag was produced, the bright idea struck him to pick up the carpet, which was finally taken instead of the flag.

Next call was Lady Ho Tung Hall, where the undergraduates were having their supper and looked more amused than alarmed by the sudden intrusion. It appears that it was the first time that most of the Morrisonians had ever seen the inside of Lady Ho Tung Hall. They were politely offered dinner, but departed after being given a few flowers.

St. John's Hall's flag could not be found, but the Morrissons took the Hall's crest, which served St. John's, who did not even compete at the athletic meet, just as that hostel deserved.

Outside of the Vice-Chancellor's reception of the tribute party, the best moment of the evening was at Elder Hall when Elder's spokesman greeted the Morrissons with an order to the pantry boy, "Orange squash all round on the house!"

Finally, the long climb in the dark up to Morrison Hall and the trophies were all put on display—St. John's crest, Lady Ho Tung's flag, and the flag and trophy.

Army Take The Lead In First Division Soccer League

By MAO YAN

During all the thrills and excitement of the Challenge Shield Semi-Finals at Boundary Street and Causeway Bay last Saturday, Army, up at Caroline Hill, beat Club 1-0, and quietly stepped into the leading position in the 1st Division.

Conditions on the Caroline Hill Ground were not conducive to good football, with a hard dry ground and near typhoon strength gusts blowing diagonally across the pitch all afternoon. The ball was corkcrawling and both defences found it curling back towards them after many clearances.

Army nearly opened their account within the first thirty seconds when all the forwards, less Davey combined in a lovely movement, but the Club custodian blocked the shot at point blank range. That was the fault of the Army forwards during all the first half—point blank range. Had they taken shots from within the penalty box where they were on many occasions, they must have scored at least four goals.

During the second half they mended their ways after Coach Burdett ordered them not to dribble the ball into the back of the net. Only one goal came from their efforts when Davey placed one into the far left-hand corner of the net, but a sizzling header from Wilson deserved a better fate than striking the cross bar.

The score certainly did not indicate the all round superiority of Army over Club, but if they want more goals, shooting when within range is the answer, not neat patterned inter-passing right up to five yards range.

I must say that Meller at inside right played a beautiful game and his passes were a delight to watch. His recent lay-off has done him good, and it is a good thing that he is back to form at this stage of the proceedings.

Club's attacks were generally confined to spasmodic raids which were easily held in a vice-like grip by Messrs. Eheridge, Tennuci and Kirkland. In the thick of Club's raids Bray was always to be found, and he certainly needs watching as a snapper-up of trifles.

Army have lost another player, Cunningham the centre forward left for England last week, along with Jones the right winger. I wonder how South China of Sing Tao would feel if either team was suddenly deprived, for good and all, of two of their forward line? What would South China's reaction be if Sze Lo Man and Mok Chun-wah suddenly sailed from Hongkong during the present race for the League Championship?

This is a fair analogy, and one of the difficulties faced by the Army Team with which the other contenders do not have to compete. It is an upsetting factor, and it causes a reshuffling of the forward line at the very time when close blending is vital. To say that there are plenty of other players is not the answer because a team is the answer, not individuals moved into the line.

Next Wednesday at The Police Ground, Boundary Street, the major and minor Unit Cup Finals commence at 1400 hrs. If 23rd Regt RA can put more punch into their attack they may surprise 34 LAA Regt RA. The talent is there, but they must open up their movements if they want to make any headway against Sargent and Kirkland. The 34 are very workmanlike. Regimental aids, and I think that they will just make it this time. The GOC Land Forces will present the Cup to the winners after the game, and medals to both teams.

The minor units cup in a new competition this year and I think that Comd Wkps REME will take the Cup, assisted by the Miller, Wilson, Morrison trio. That is a formidable forward line-up for a minor unit team and the three of them could easily win the day for REME. After the game, which commences at 1400 hrs, Mr. Clemen, of the China Light and Power Company, will present the Cup, which he has kindly donated, as well as medals to both teams.

Despite the enforced changes in the team line-up, Army are going to fight to remain at the top of the 1st Division League, and my word, they have a fight on next Sunday when they meet Sing Tao at Sookpoo. The side chosen for next Sunday is: Philpotts, Eheridge, Kirkland, Churchill, Tennuci, York, Edwards, Higgins, Wilson, Miller, and Davey. Reserves to attend will be Tomlinson, Thompson, Johnson, and Clemen.

I saw a fine crowd of supporters watching the Army Cup Semi-Finals at Boundary Street last Wednesday. Why cannot the Army Team get the same spectator support?

The final game was a great struggle and was played to much earlier, at last proved it was possible to force even the "let-propelled" Pakistani into making mistakes. — France-Prépe.

Australia Sending 12 Swimmers

Sydney, Feb. 25. John Marshall, the great Australian swimmer, now competing for Yale, heads a list of 12 swimmers named to the Australian Olympic team.

The 22-year-old Marshall will participate in the 400-metre and 1500-metre free-style races at Helsinki this summer. Marshall is a member of the Australian Olympic team.

Badminton League Champions



The Craigengower Cricket Club Men's "B" Division team who defeated Recrelo last night in the deciding match to give their Club the first badminton title in its history.

From left to right are: (front) S. Saul and K. C. Wong; (standing) B. K. L. Lui, K. Y. Tso, K. Y. Tam and Wong Kang-chow.



The Recrelo team who finished up as runners-up of the Men's "B" Division Badminton League. From left to right are: (front) A. J. Gonsalves, A. J. Remedios, D. T. Rocha; (standing) H. J. Xavier, T. E. Rodrigues and C. M. Quinn.

Craigengower Win Their First Ever Badminton Title

Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday won their first badminton title in the history of the club when they defeated Recrelo by six sets to three in the deciding match of the Men's "B" Division League.

The Valley Club completed their matches with an unbeaten record and their first two pairs of K. Y. Tam and Wong Kai-cheong and K. Y. Tso and Wong Kang-chow earned for themselves the distinction of losing only one set each out of the 18 sets played.

Club de Recrelo, who finished runners-up, made a gallant attempt to force a replay, but missed Spud Mott in their line-up.

Craigengower withdrew Saul before the game commenced and substituted K. T. Lam instead.

The Craigengower first and second pair got into their stride from the initial service and took the first two sets comfortably by 21-7 and 21-9.

D. T. Rocha and T. E. Rodrigues kept Recrelo's hope alive by annexing the third set in the evening.

The two top Craigengower combinations, however, maintained their irresistible attacking game to take the fourth and fifth set to lead by 4-1, and clinching the sixth and seventh sets to win the match by 6-3.

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A win for them will bring them their second Championship of the season, while a defeat will mean a replay between the two teams.

On the same day the inter-division final of the Men's "C" Division between Tytam "A" and the Jaguars was fixed to be played at the Craigengower Cricket Club, subject to permission being given by the Club for the loan of the court.

JUNIOR DRAW TODAY

The draw for the Colony Open Championships will take place this afternoon at a Championship Sub-committee meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association, and record entries are expected in the Junior events.

Owing to the difficulty of gauging the standard of those players from non-affiliated clubs who have entered for the Junior events, the Sub-Committee decided at their meeting last week that all such entries will not be accepted for Junior events.

They are, however, welcome to compete in the Senior events, and to give such competitors a chance to make their entries in the Senior events.

Lawn Bowls To Contribute To Olympic Fund

Lawn Bowls will also provide its contribution to the Hongkong Olympic Fund.

At a meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association last week it was decided to hold a special exhibition match in aid of the Fund.

The match will be one of the series of the Afterschool Shield competition between Hongkong and Kowloon, comprising six matches from each of the three divisions. The tentative date is March 23, and the list will be passed round during the match, all the proceeds to go to the Olympic Fund.

LEAGUE HOCKEY

THE POLICE-NAVY MATCH WAS THE BEST OF THE WEEK-END'S PROGRAMME

Of the week-end's restricted League Hockey programme, the Police home match with the Navy turned out to be the most interesting and exciting. Navy had six new faces in their team.

The Police looked as though, with luck, they might take one or both points, but this was not to be and Navy began to shake down and White, an impressive newcomer at inside-left, opened the scoring for Navy with a pretty goal.

The Police were still getting their share of the play, and soon after half-time there occurred an incident which changed the run of the game.

When a penalty corner was awarded against Navy, three infringements of the premature charging rule resulted in a penalty being given, and the offender, overcome perhaps by nerves or shame at a breach of the 11th commandment, committed two bullying offences and a penalty goal was, quite correctly, awarded to the Police by the Umpire, Sgt. Davies of the Royal Air Force.

AGAIN AHEAD

Navy, all out to regain the lead, pressed hard and within a few minutes were once again ahead through a goal by Arthur, the centre-forward. Towards the end of the game, Police again in the attack were given a free hit on the 25-yard line and the hit went straight to the Naval goalkeeper, who let it pass. Unfortunately the ball hit the goal-post and rebounded into play, and English the Police centre-forward, following up hard, was left with an easy goal.

English and Stephens, in the centre of the Police attack, always looked dangerous and their efforts were due for some reward. Thus the game ended, after some final, inconclusive, mid-field play.

Yusuf, the Police centre-half played a spectacular game, but he almost always hung on to the ball too long, giving the opposing defence time to get into position. For the end, Lattey, at centre-half was sound, and Subic, at left-back, looked as much at home on the strange ground as he did afterwards at the bar.

GOALLESS DRAW

The clash between Argonauts "A" and RAF, which promised to be a thriller, turned out to be a goalless draw of a most disappointing nature. In the first half little constructive play was produced by either side, play was scrappy and though through individual efforts there were occasional chances at each end, Argonauts actually netting the ball only to be called back for an infringement, most of the play was mid-field.

In the second half the Airmen began slowly to get the upper hand, and they too netted the ball once, only to find that the scorer was offside.

Towards the end RAF were almost continuously pressing, and their technique in taking corners often looked like producing results, but they could never quite make it.

Argonauts with their clever spilling tactics, always managed to scramble the ball away from even the most desperate situations. It is no coincidence that out of the 10 matches Argonauts have played, five have been drawn, as they play too much of a defensive game, and not enough constructive hockey, relying on opportunism for their goals.

HISTORY MADE

This week-end also history was made, as the first schoolboy hockey team ever visited Macao from Hongkong and played three matches against the Macao schoolboys. The Hongkong schoolboys came from the Ellis Kadourie School at Soekunpo, and were taken care of by Mr. Bux, one of their masters.

The Ellis Kadourie School supplies most of the Nau Jawan (New Youth) team in the 2nd division. The Macao team came mainly from the Liceu College, Macao. The team went down on Friday and played one match on Saturday, which resulted in a win for Macao 1-0. On Sunday morning the Hongkong boys reversed this decision by winning 2-1, and the final match in the afternoon was a draw, so that honours were equal in what we hope is the first of a series of visits by school teams to Macao.

It is also hoped that later in the season at least two Ladies' teams will visit Macao to demonstrate ladies' hockey (including, we hope, the KGV teams) to raise interest in ladies' hockey there with the ultimate aim of arranging two more inter-port events, namely a schoolboys and a ladies' inter-port hockey match.

One result of the week-end matches were: Ladies' League—Saturday, Grenlins "A" 6, Grenlins "B" 0; Sunday, KGV "A" 5, Dorians 3; Little Flower 4, University 0; Hecreto 3, KGV "B" 1. Second Division (Mens): Saturday, HKAAP 1, Argonauts "A" 2; Sunday, HKAAP 1, HC 1; Nav Hawks 2.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER WAS DISAPPOINTING

Says "HANLINCODE"

The two rugger matches played off on the Club Ground, Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon did not reach the standard of play that was expected of them. The exhibition put on by the majority of the 30 players on show in the second game was somewhat disappointing in view of the fact that from these teams will come the side that is to be matched against the Kiwis next month.

The curtain raiser between the Rest of the Services and the Rest of the Colony was a more exciting game than the main event but even so was scrappy in the extreme. With a dry ball, the backs of both sides should have handled better and, even taking into consideration the tricky wind that was blowing, one is a little hard put to find excuses.

The Civilians in the centre just didn't know how to tackle and even on such a bonehead ground that is no excuse for a messy poor, and in some cases, not even half-hearted attempts. However, it must be said in fairness that they had little assistance in defence from their back row forwards.

The Civilians had a last-minute change when Dawson stepped into the second row and did very well considering the position was definitely strange to him. Of the Civilian forwards Perry was a tower of strength and played a good hard game throughout.

THE BEST ON THE VIEW Blackie, the Clivvy scrum half, was the best man on view and did some very fine work in defence. For the Services, the outstanding player, besides Pringle, a full-back discovery, was Fend, who never missed an opportunity and in this he was ably backed by Simpson in the forwards.

The game, although ragged, was keenly fought and ended with the Services 1 goal, 2 tries (11 points) to Civilians 1 goal (3 points). The main event, as I have already said, was a most disappointing affair in every way. Ending in a win for the Colony XV, it never looked as though the Rest would be in the picture and except for a few bursts by Arnold, their scrum half, they never looked like scoring.

At fullback for the Colony, J. B. Henderson was "Johnny-on-the-spot" as per usual and played a fine game. The Colony line never got moving at all and from this quarter we did expect to see some exhibition moves. However it was not to be, and we hope for better things when they are next out together.

DIDN'T SEEM TO CLICK Although supplied with a fair share of the ball, those Colony halves, Nolan and Craig, just did not seem to click as they have before. The pack, too, seemed to lack the cohesion that should have been evident and lost the ball time after time in line-outs and loose scrums.

For the Rest, Campbell at fullback played a steady game, but was inclined to get a little flustered when hard pressed. The three, especially in the centre, did a sterling work in defence and in this respect Turville stood out a mile.

In attack, however, the whole line, especially the centres, were far too inclined to run across instead of trying to go straight and they consequently did not get very far.

Of the half backs, Arnold played a first class game, but I am inclined to think that, while his loose play was good, he starved Lattey at stand off, and only gave him the ball when it was impossible for him to do anything with it and in this fact may lie the reason why the Rest line did not function as well. After all it is the scrum half's first thought to get his line away and while an occasional dash may work, it will not come off against such men as Hutson and Thomas very often.

In the van the Rest forwards worked well, and ably led by Boden, they did not disgrace themselves against their more distinguished opponents.

In the battle of the hookers that was forecast most people were of the opinion that hours were pretty even and while I am inclined to agree with them to some extent, I personally thought that Owen had the slight edge. It was pretty evident though that both hookers were hampered by the Props lifting their feet too soon.

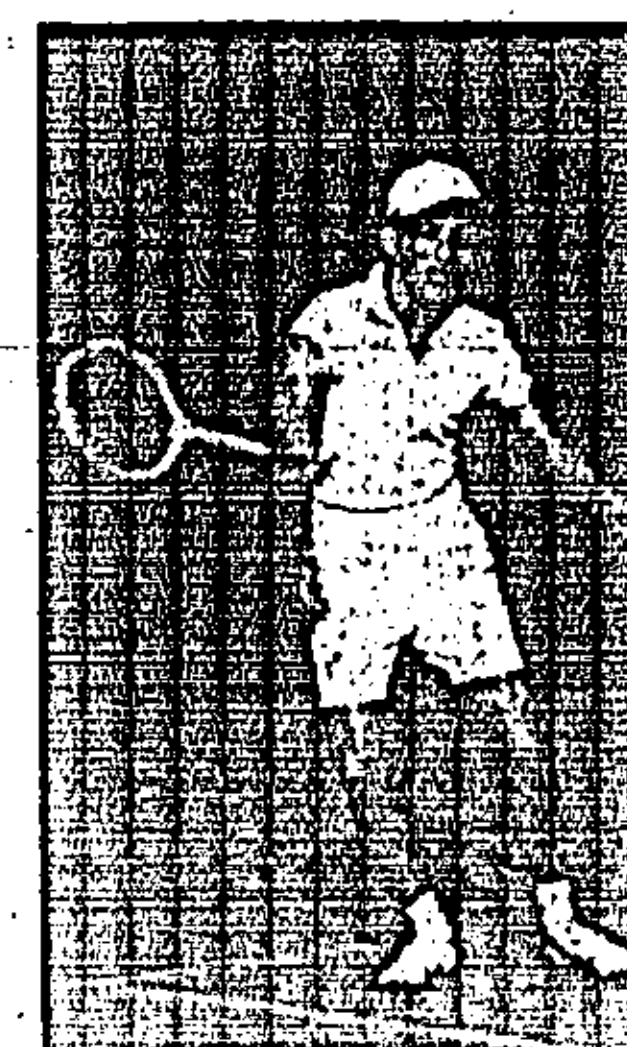
Japanese Visitors



Reijin Kamo



Fumitaru Nakano



Atsushi Miyagi

JAPANESE TENNIS TEAM ARRIVES TO PLAY HONGKONG

By "OBSERVER"

Headed by a veteran Davis Cupper and twice former All-Japan champion, 37-year-old Fumitaru Nakano, the three-man Japanese tennis team arrived in Hongkong yesterday for a series of exhibition matches in the Colony.

The other two players are 21-year-old Waseda University economics student Reijin Kamo and his University mate, 20-year-old Atsushi Miyagi.

Since the termination of the war, Japan, who boasted of such world-ranking players as Satoh and Harashi before the war, has been making rapid strides to regain her world status in tennis as well as in other branches of sport.

The Japanese Davis Cup team, though defeated by the USA in her first return bid to Davis Cup competition, put up an impressive display.

Hongkong will not have the opportunity of seeing their first two ranking players, Kumamaru and Fujikura in action, but in Kamo and Miyagi they will see Japan's two most promising youngsters.

MOST SUCCESSFUL Though ranked sixth in Japan, Miyagi was the most successful of the three when they competed in the All-India Hardcourt and Grasscourt Championships at Madras and Calcutta recently.

Miyagi had the distinction of defeating the Swedish No. 1, Lennart Bergelin in the Grasscourt quarter-final by 1-6, 10-12, 6-3, 6-4, and 6-2.

He lost to Iltikhar Ahmed, the Pakistan Champion, in straight sets in the semi-final, and the Championship was eventually won by Sweden's Davidsson.

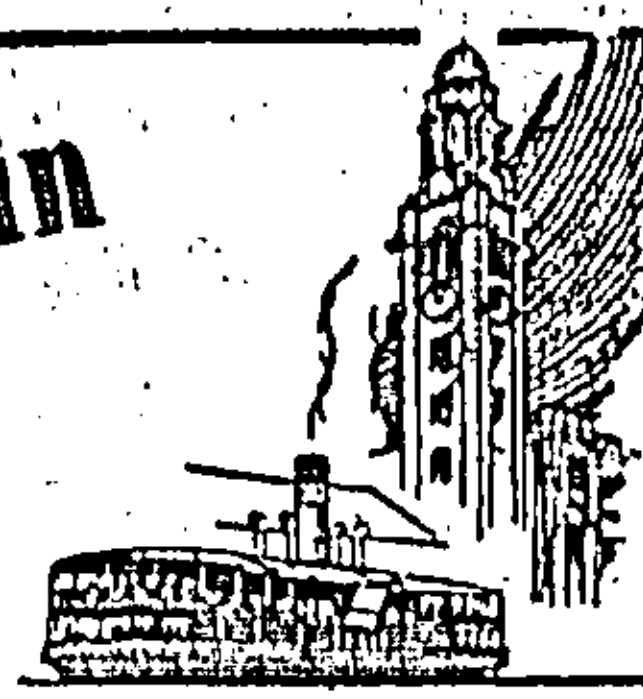
In the Hardcourt All-India Championship at Madras, Miyagi met Bergelin again in the final, losing to him in five sets, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 and 4-6.

ORTHODOX GRIP Unlike the reputed Japanese players of pre-war years, the two rising youngsters play with the orthodox Eastern grip, and Miyagi in particular is said to have a strong attack.

The visitors will open their unofficial interport match against Hongkong tomorrow with two Singles, and the matches will be continued on Davis Cup lines on Thursday and Friday.

One exhibition Singles match between Norman Lo and Kamo will be thrown in on Thursday. All the matches will be the best

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Dr. Edith Summerskill Plans A Bill To Outlaw Boxing

London, Feb. 25.

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Labour Member of Parliament for West Fulham, said today that boxing was a "brutal industry" when she discussed the possibility of her introducing a Bill in Parliament to ban boxing in Britain.

Dr. Summerskill, who was commenting on a new Bill in Belgium which plans to outlaw boxing, confessed that her chances of introducing such a Bill in Britain were rather remote.

She has been lucky in ballot for private Members' Bill this year and on April 25 she will be introducing a Women's Disabilities Bill aimed at removing certain legal disabilities of women.

She declined an invitation from the boxing promoter, Mr. Jack Solomons, to visit his Sunday boxing nursery.—Reuter.

Ankara Retains Empire Title

Nottingham, Feb. 25.

Roy "Black Flash" Ankara of the Gold Coast (125 pounds) retained the British Empire featherweight title today, beating the British Champion, Ronnie Clayton (126 pounds) who retired at the end of the 13th round of a scheduled 15-round bout at Nottingham Ice stadium.—United Press.

"My Bill would clip the wings of these boxing promoters, who call it sport but commercialise it into a brutal industry," she said. "I would prohibit boxing altogether, both amateur and professional, because professionals are drawn from amateur ranks."

"The exploitation of youth is the part I loathe. It would not be so bad if the youths were well and healthy. Unfortunately, many have their brains damaged."

Dr. Summerskill, who said she thought she could get "some considerable support" among Labour Members for a Bill to ban boxing, has protested about the "brutality" of boxing before.

In November, 1950, when she was Minister of National Insurance, she referred to the Woodcock-Gardner fight as a most degrading exhibition.

BILLIARDS Colony Open Championships at Club Lusitano.

SCAAT Colony Open Championships at SCAAT Club.

TENNIS Colony Open Championships at Hongkong CC (Chater Road).

Sixth Winter Olympic Games Close With Norway Victorious

Oslo, Feb. 25.

The Sixth Winter Olympic Games closed on Monday night in floodlit ceremonies on the slippery ice of Bislet Stadium with Norway acknowledged as the clearest winner and the United States a surprisingly strong second.

As Royalty watched, the flags of the 30 nations that sent 1,178 athletes here were carried out of the Stadium and the Olympic Flame died away.

Avery Brundage, the Chicagoan who is International Olympic Vice-President, and is expected to succeed J. Sigfrid Edstrom of Sweden as President, told reporters before the ceremonies: "These games were the biggest and the most harmonious Winter Games of all my experience."

MINIMUM OF DIFFICULTY Aside from a shortage of snow that forced emergency repairs of ski courses, and demonstrations over the playing tactics of the United States hockey team, there was a minimum of difficulty.

No official team winner is kept in Olympic competition, but figuring on the traditional basis of 10-5-4-3-2-1 for six places, Norway won with 12½ points, followed by the United States with 8½ — the best balanced, strongest American performance ever made in Winter Games held in Europe.

Other nations that scored were: Finland 7½; Austria 6½; Germany 6½; Sweden 2½; Italy 2½; Great Britain 1½; France 1½; Hungary 1; Czechoslovakia 1; Belgium 1; Poland 1; Japan ½.

Two ice hockey games which topped over to Monday finally completed the team standing. Sweden defeated Czechoslovakia 5-3, in a play-off for third place after both finished with 6-2 records. And Poland won over Norway 4-3 in a game postponed from Sunday from melting ice. The win gave Poland sixth place in the ice hockey standings.

On the three poles at the end of the Stadium were raised in order the Greek flag, in honour of the Olympic origin, the Norwegian flag as the host nation, and the Polish flag in recognition of the fact the 1950 Winter Games will be held in Cortina D'Ampezzo.

The white Olympic flag, with its five interlocking circles, was presented by Brundage to the

Results of the Geo. Younger Snooker Championship matches played last night were: HQLF best Eastern "B" 5-2; RAF, Kai Tak best Kowloon CC "A" 4-1; K.C.C. "B" lost to P.O. Mess, Tamar, 2-3.

Russians Want To Play Norway At Ice Hockey

Oslo, Feb. 25.

Russian ice hockey players will make their debut in the Western world this Spring when they are scheduled to meet a Norwegian team here.

The President of the Norwegian Ice Hockey Federation, Mr. Johan Narvestad, announced today.

Mr. Narvestad said that he had been contacted by the Russian Olympic Secretary, Mr. P. S. Scholov, during the Winter Games, and was informed that the Russians were willing to "co-operate" with the Norwegians in ice hockey.

Mr. Scholov said that they were interested in sending a team to Oslo this Spring, he added.—United Press.

HOSPITALS' CUP RUGGER MATCH

London, Feb. 25.

St. Thomas' Hospital beat Guy's Hospital by nine points to three, in a Hospitals' Cup, second round, Rugby Union game today.—Reuter.

Callover On The Lincolnshire & Grand National

London, Feb. 25.

The closing offers at the third official callover on the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Grand National, held at the Victoria Club here tonight, were:

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (1 mile on March 20)

100 to 7 St. Ives, Titian, Abraham's Star and Llanstephan. 100 to 1 Justice Bury, Stratolight and Malpas Dutch. Clover, Elynashy, Donore, Rising Flame and Merry Prince.

33 to 1 La Princesse, Rodogot, Newton Heath, London Air and Benbow.

40 to 1 Lucky Pilgrim, Capizze and Barnes Park.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE (4 Miles, 856 yards on April 5)

8 to 1 Freebooter. 100 to 6 Trol, Pearly Prince and Royal Tan.

25 to 1 Another Delight, Icy Coln, On View and Starlit Bay.

40 to 1 Eluschoke. A new callover on both races will be held on Monday, March 3.—Reuter.

Sports Pavilion

The sports pavilion of the Hongkong Chinese Club, Services Association at King's Park will be opened by Mr. Bunyan Tong on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. There will be an exhibition of tennis, match and light refreshments will be served.

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"BENCRUACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Hamburg	24th Apr.
"BENMACDHUI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	28th Apr.
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin & Hamburg	14th May
"BENDORAN"	London & Hull	21st May
"BENMACDHUI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London & Antwerp	26th May
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Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 23rd day of February 1952.

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J. R. E. HARRISON, Secretary.

NOTICE

H. K. S. P. C.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will now take place on Thursday, February 28, 1952 at 5.30 p.m. at the British Council Reading Room, 1st Floor, Gloucester Building.

All members are earnestly requested to be present, and an invitation is cordially extended to members of the public interested in Child Welfare.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Consignees per Company's s.s. "ZELINDA"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard, Douglas & Co., on Friday, 23rd February, 1952.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriter on or before 10th March, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hongkong, 25th February, 1952.

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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, at 10 a.m. 23rd February, 1952.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th February 1952, will be subject to rent.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 22nd February 1952.

Girl Was Thrown To Floor

London, Feb. 25. Miss Jean Rowell, 24-year-old daughter of Sir Andrew and Lady Rowell, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, told the South Western Magistrates' Court that a man accused of attacking her in a train said: "If you will let me kiss you, all will be well."

Alan Vernon, Gordon, a 25-year-old, father of Chilmark-gardens, New Malden, Surrey, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey accused of causing Miss Rowell grievous bodily harm and improperly assaulting her.

Gordon, who had nothing to say, was granted bail. Miss Rowell, who is a child-minder's nurse, told the court that on February 2 she was travelling in a train from Teddington, and Gordon got into her carriage at Wimbledon.

She alleged that when she refused to allow Gordon to kiss her, he struck her repeatedly on the face.

"I found myself on the floor," she added. "He must have hit me 10 or 12 times, and all the time I was shouting: 'Please stop, help, help!'"

"As suddenly as this ferocious onslaught had started it stopped. He helped me up and sat me back in the corner and sat in the opposite corner. He seemed quite shocked with what he had done and at the state I was in."

Miss Rowell, who was in hospital for three days suffering from shock, bruises, and superficial scalp injuries, said that she had been ordered to remain in bed for a fortnight and stay off work for two months.

Police Constable Balfour alleged that when Gordon was detained he said: "I don't know what came over me. I am sorry."

PICTURES OF ATOMIC OVEN

Upton, N.Y., Feb. 25. The largest atomic oven used in nuclear research has been photographed from all sides, the United States Commission on Atomic Energy announced here today.

The pictures would be put at the disposal of scientists for consultation following investigation of their personal record.

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	sails 27th Feb.	for Japan
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	sails 1st March	for Japan

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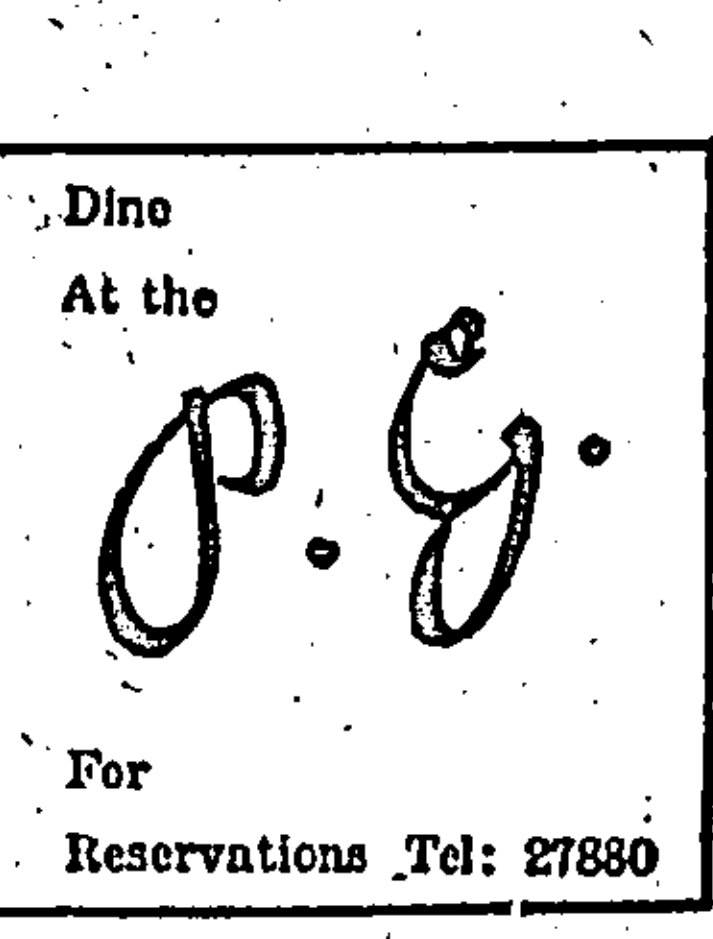
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Britain To Spend More On Uranium

London, Feb. 25. The Government is to spend an extra £200,000 on an experimental scheme to produce uranium—the raw material for atom bombs—from the great cones of waste material excavated from South African gold mines.

Supplementary Estimates show that the £200,000 is to be added to £1,000,000 already allocated to the experiment. South Africa and the U.S. are joining in the scheme.

Supplementary Estimates for a total of £121,000,000 also include nearly £21,000,000 for increased salaries of Civil Servants and other Government employees. Post Office workers alone get nearly £15,000,000 more.

Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue officials share £2,400,000 extra; at the Ministry of National Assistance and the National Assistance Board, they get £1,220,000, the Ministry of Works £247,000, and the Ministry of Supply £275,000. There is another £1,200,000 for increased police pay.

Another £1,375,000 for paper and printing brings the cost of Government publications through the Stationery Office up to £4,315,000.

The Ministry of Supply requires another £27,500,000 (£27,500,000 in all) for Service uniforms. And war emergency food reserves accumulated by the Ministry of Food will cost £270,332,000 instead of £273,002,000.

There is an ominous hint for housewives in the ordinary trading accounts of the Food Ministry. An anticipated profit of £2,000,000 on dealings in sugar has become a loss of £200,000, and one of £200,000 in tea has become a loss of £200,000. Prices, increases in both, these rationed goods are likely to be.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"ZELIDJA" In Port	Feb. 28	Kobe, Yokohama
"THEOGENITOR" Apr. 2	Apr. 8	Haiphong
Homeward For		
"FELIX ROUSSEL" Mar. 6	Mar. 7	Marseilles via Manila
"MORTAIN" Mar. 17	Mar. 18	N. Africa & Europe
"ZELIDJA" Apr. 6	Apr. 7	N. Africa & Europe

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Grant To India Recommended

Bombay, Feb. 25.
The American Ambassador to India, Mr. Chester B. Davies, said today that he had recommended to his Government a grant to India of \$250 million during the financial year beginning next July.

The Ambassador said he had asked that \$125 million should be given in the form of wheat and cotton and the remaining \$125 million as technical assistance.—Reuter.

Recession In Chicago Grains

Chicago, Feb. 25.
Wheat drifted lower on the Board of Trade on news of snow overnight and during the day in parts of the Southwestern winter wheat belt.

Other cereals at times displayed a little firmness, only to fall back before the close. This was particularly the case in soybeans. Late in the session they gave up gains scored earlier. Bean oil sank 10 1/2 cents a pound from 10 1/2 on Saturday.

Corn and oats at times peaked slightly above the previous close. Traders thought there might have been some buying on news that imports of livestock and meat from Canada had been banned.

Wheat closed 1 1/2-2 1/2 lower, corn was 3/4-1 1/2 lower, oats 1/2 to 1 cent lower, rye 1 1/2-3/4 lower, soybeans unchanged to 1 1/2 lower.

March	\$2.53 3/4-34
May	2.51 3/4-34
July	2.47 1/2
September	2.47
December	2.50

Soybeans
March 2.95 1/2-00
May 2.98-00 1/4
July 2.95 1/4-3/8
September 2.73 1/2

Corn
March 1.70 1/2-3/4
Oats .03 3/8-3/4
Rye .100 1/2-00
May .100 1/2-00

Resumption Of Trading In Rubber

New York, Feb. 25.
The market for rubber futures trading will be reopened here on Monday, March 3.

The decision to re-open was taken today by the Rubber Board Trade group of the Commodity Exchange Inc. as a result of the Government's action turning back the nation's importing of natural rubber to private industry.

The Government had been the sole importer of natural rubber since Dec. 20, 1950, in a programme designed to build up this country's stockpile and to deal with runaway prices by covering producers. The General Services Administration announced on Saturday that the stockpile was now adequate and formal purchasing methods could be restored.

Trading in rubber futures had been at a standstill since March 31, 1951.

Active deliveries in the rubber futures market will be September and December, and March and May 1952 contracts. Rubber futures in London were weak today.

In New York the price of Crude Rubber Spot No. 1 Ribbed Smoked Sheets was still 6 1/2 asked. There has been no change in this figure for months.—Associated Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Feb. 25.
Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—
Number 1 rubber, per lb.
March 115-115 1/2
April 114 1/2-115
May 114-114 1/2
Number 2 rubber, March 112-112 1/2
Number 3 rubber, March 108-110
Spot rubber, unbleached 115-115 1/2
Black crepe 81-83
No. 1 pale crepe 127-132
—United Press.

INDO-SYRIAN TRADE PACT

New Delhi, Feb. 25.
India and Syria today signed a treaty of friendship and commerce calling for the development of trade relations. The treaty, signed by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, and the Syrian Minister, Mr. Nuri, is expected to be ratified at an early date. It will apply for an initial period of three years.

The treaty specifies a greater exchange of exportable goods, including cotton, piscoagons, rubber, steel, steel, coconut fibres and leather goods from India and dried fruits, raw cotton, sulphur, copper, coarse grain and light hides from Syria.—Reuter.

HARD WORK ONLY CURE FOR CONDITION OF WORLD TRADE

British Bid Accepted

Sheffield, Feb. 25.
The British-Davy and United Engineering Company has won, against strong German competition, a £375,000 contract with the Karabuk Iron and Steel Works in Central Turkey. Delivery and installation of new mill plant required under the contract will take three years, the company said today.

The Karabuk Iron and Steel Works, a State enterprise, would almost double their production capacity with the new equipment.—Reuter.

Open Trade Account Taken Over

AGREEMENT IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Feb. 25.
The Japanese Government will take over from the United States Occupation Headquarters the administration of the Japan-Formosa Open Trade Account by an agreement signed with the Chinese government and SCAP representatives today.

The agreement, which will go into effect on March 1, was signed by C.C. Shao of the Chinese Mission in Japan, for Taipei, Mr. Yukawa, Director of the Foreign Office Economic Affairs Bureau, for Japan, and Colonel C.C. B. Warden, Adjutant-General for General Headquarters.

"Under the agreement the Japanese Government will assume full responsibility for the operation and obligations of the Taiwan-Japan Open Trade Account provided for in the financial agreement for trade between China and Japan dated Sept. 6, 1950," according to a GHIQ release today.

The new agreement, which releases the Occupation Headquarters from all financial liability in connection with the Taiwan Account, is in keeping with the SCAP policy of transferring full responsibility in matters pertaining to foreign trade to the Japanese Government, the statement added.

After March 1 all matters in connection with the Account will be negotiated directly between the Chinese and Japanese governments.

The announcement said: "The transfer of responsibility will not necessitate re-negotiation of the documents in connection with current trade transactions. 'All trade with Taiwan will continue on an Open Account basis with payments being made on individual transactions in accordance with the existing trade and financial agreements between Formosa and Japan.'—United Press.

Vietnam's Production Of Rice

Saigon, Feb. 25.
Vietnam could provide the world with 3,000,000 tons of rice, the Premier, Tran Van Huu, told Mr. Morris Dodd, Chairman of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, today.

This could be obtained by turning the immense Plain des Jones swamp into an immense rice field, he added. This rice output could thus be increased by 1,500,000 tons, the Premier pointed out.

The Premier emphasised that Vietnam was placed midway between India and China, both countries permanently suffering from drought and starvation, and would only be too pleased to help.

Mr. Dodd replied that the possibility of turning the Plain des Jones into a rice field would be considered as soon as possible and that Vietnam might be given expert help and a special credit from the International Bank to accomplish this.—France-Press.

JAPANESE TRADE WITH BRAZIL

Tokyo, Feb. 25.
Three Japanese Government officials who have been early to march for Brazil to negotiate a new trade agreement.

The present trade agreement between the two countries is expected to expire when the present treaty goes into effect.—Associated Press.

The parlous condition of the country's present economic situation, especially as regards the textile industry in Lancashire, and the importance of inter-Commonwealth trade, were reviewed by Mr. H. Prince Bardsley, the retiring president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, at the annual meeting of the chamber in Manchester.

Government experts, economists, and many others, he said, had been telling them for some time past that the economic horizon was clouded with uncertainty and gloom, and he interpreted that to mean that the economic pulse of the nation was at a low ebb.

"I am firmly of the opinion," he continued, "that one of the main causes of our troubles today was the acceptance of Marshall Aid.

"And I say this with full appreciation of the great generosity of our American friends. We overlooked the fact that we should still have to work hard to rehabilitate ourselves when that aid ended. When it did end it found us weakened, rather than strengthened, at least as individuals.

"At its inception we were, in my opinion, geared up to a high standard of effort and in a reasonable time we could have fought back to prosperity as we fought back in 1940 to solidity. As it is, I am afraid the help we received only tended to make us lose sight of the main fact—that only by our own efforts could we hope to find a way out of our troubles. How often has this been proved, in the case of individuals borrowing to put themselves right, then failing to put their backs into the job of not only getting out of their original trouble, but of having to pay back their borrowed capital."

Mr. Bardsley wondered how long it would be before it could be brought home to every class in the country that only by work, and work of the most determined and strenuous nature, could we hope to recover our prestige. Our very existence as a nation depended on our ability to secure the necessities of life for ourselves and for our industries by the efforts of the people.

We must marshal our reserves of man-power and materials to keep the wealth of the nation intact and moving forward to better things. The country's goal must be the pursuit of peaceful international trade, the supplying of the needs of other parts of the world, and an ability to take from them foodstuffs and raw materials in exchange, which we could then put to good use for the benefit of mankind.

TEMPORARY RECESSION

In the north-west there was an abundance of skilled work-people, to whom the constant appeal should be made for increased productivity per man-hour. The great manufacturing industries and the technique and scientific research behind them to turn out products second to none. But they had the dead hand of taxation and still far too many restrictions which did not allow for that degree of flexibility to provide the full incentive for private enterprise to make its maximum contribution. These conditions were the result of a temporary recession. Finance for trade was being curbed and unsold stocks of goods were becoming perilously large.

"I have tried to think of the kind of treatment which is so urgently needed to revive our somewhat enfeebled economy," he continued. "What I do not claim, but try to present are comprehensive, I consider that a few substantial doses of them would act as revivers and stimulants. I would first, call for a considerable easing of the pressure of direct and indirect taxation; for the infusion of nourishment into the life-blood of private enterprise as long as possible; for the removal of obstacles to the free movement of an outlook freed from fear and forebodings restore to more normal conditions the general health of the nation's economy."

COAL THE SECRET

Coal was the cornerstone of prosperity and much of our future economic wealth depended upon it. One great need in commerce with coal was for firm contracts covering a reasonable period ahead. That would have a great effect in many of their major industries by enabling them also to enter into firm contracts for the supply of their products instead of day-to-day prices, which were having such a detrimental effect on their export trade.

Referring to inter-Commonwealth trade, Mr. Bardsley said that, in his address last year, he referred to the importance of trade with the British Commonwealth of Nations. What he said then he repeated with even greater emphasis now. He expressed grave concern about the rayon tariff in Australia, and hoped that at all costs they should retain imperial preference as a fundamental principle.

present time. Last autumn the chamber joined with other sections of the cotton trade in sending representatives, as part of a Cotton Board team which tendered evidence against the suspended duties affecting a wide range of goods. They were still anxiously awaiting the outcome of the consideration which the South African Government was giving to the case presented.

Continuing, Mr. Bardsley said those who had so much at stake in the textile industry must feel gravely concerned at the production potential of other countries, especially Japan. Competition was now assuming such proportions as to make it incumbent to re-examine the position at home. That step, he suggested, was necessary before contemplating other remedies some of which must depend for their success on the willing co-operation of others—a factor which in his view could not be guaranteed for all time.

A CHALLENGE

Lancashire was now facing a challenge and she must prepare, by every means at her disposal, for a period of readjustment to the new conditions which faced us.

These conditions included a return to the competitive struggle which was now aggravated by the growing volume of production of local mills in markets which formerly bought extensively from us.

"I realise that this is a world problem and one which will call for wise decisions by leaders of industry and the Governments in the chief textile-producing countries," he went on.

Japanese competition is a special problem and is one which is actively receiving the attention of the chamber and of the textile organisations who work through the Cotton Board. I fervently hope that in any negotiations, either at industry or Government level, it will be possible to avoid any major clash of interests, for that could only be the forerunner of most undesirable consequences.

SENSIBLE APPROACH

"Ways and means must be found of avoiding, at all costs, a repetition of the grave difficulties of the inter-war years. A sensible approach to the issues arising from Japan's re-entry into world trade could prevent bitterness and hostility. That others have a right to a place and share in world trade must be recognised by Japan. Unbridled competition at price levels bearing no relation to those of other producers must invite protective action. I earnestly hope that the new Japan will not repeat the mistakes of the old."

In conclusion, Mr. Bardsley said there was only one way to maintain exports, by work and sacrifice. Unless we were prepared to give increased efforts for some time to come, without expecting corresponding increase of wages or salaries, we should not hold our own in world trade.

"I am calling for 48 hours in place of 40, or 48 hours in place of 44, and real work without expecting an increase of remuneration," he said. "That, I maintain, is one of the ways we can use to fight back—let us call it a bonus to the country. I don't want to see present earnings reduced, but unless everyone is prepared to do that extra amount of work for the same earnings as now, then I see as the only alternative, lower wages and unemployment as a direct consequence of the loss of export trade which we shall inevitably suffer."

Gold Shares Popular

London, Feb. 25.
South African gold shares had a good market on the London Stock Exchange following plans for speeding up uranium production there. Hopes of favourable legislation for the industry in the South African Budget.

The market in Home stocks was quiet with prices occasionally easier. Commodities were quieter than of late and showed rubber firm. Shipping shares gained ground and end-account bear covering helped textiles.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$460,284.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
GOVT. LOANS
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Union 700 775 @ 770
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COTTONS
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Extension 100 @ 2 1/2
Yongshing 5 1/4 5 1/4 500 @ 5 1/4

Mixed Day Of Trading In Stocks

New York, Feb. 25.
Gain and losses were mixed on a very quiet stock market. Many issues were showing sliding tendencies at the close.

Most changes in either direction were small fractions, and the mixed trend was present in every major group.

The volume ran around 1,200,000 shares.

Trading slowed quickly after a brisk start and small but persistent gains after the opening were scrambled to a fairly even mixture of advances and declines shortly after the first hour.

There were a few substantial losers. Northern Pacific and Standard Oil (NJ), which were among the better gainers at the start, fell back on Saturday, each lost around a point at times.

Amerasia Petroleum, American Cyanamid and Dow Chemical were among the wider losers. U.S. Gypsum ran contrary to the trend and was ahead around a point at a time.

The advances included Chrysler, Goodrich, American Smelting, Du Pont, Philip Morris, General Electric, Union Pacific and American Airlines.

Among the declines were General Motors, U.S. Rubber, International Paper, Sinclair Oil, Boeing, and Johns-Manville.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 25.
Prices of tin closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:—
Spot tin, buyers 077
Spot tin, sellers 078
Three-months tin, buyers 078
Three-months tin, sellers 079
Business done at Settlement 078
—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local official exchange market this morning at the following rates:—
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6 7/8
Sterling note (per £1) 10 1/2
Singapore dollars (per 100) 8 1/4
Rangoon (per 100) 1 1/4
Siam (per 100) 1 1/4
SIC (per 100) 1 1/4

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

Ship	From	To
"VAN HEUTE" Feb. 28th	Japan	Djakarta, Semarang
"BOISSEVAIN" Feb. 28th	Japan	Djakarta, Semarang
"TIJAWANG" Mar. 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, S. Africa	
"TIPANAS" Mar. 7th	Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan	Deli
"TASMAN" Mar. 7th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang	
"TJIPONDOK" Mar. 10th	Singapore, Mauritius, Tanga, Zanzibar, Dar-es-Salaam, S. Africa	
"TJISADANE" Mar. 16th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang	
"TJILUWAB" Mar. 20th	Japan	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius
"STRAAT MAKASSAR" Mar. 20th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang	
"TIJAWANG" Mar. 27th	Singapore, Djakarta, S. Africa	
"TJIPONDOK" Apr. 2nd	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	Deli
"VAN HEUTE" Apr. 7th	Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan	Deli
"STRAAT BOENDA" Apr. 14th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang	
"TJILUWAB" Apr. 17th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang	
"TASMAN" Apr. 25th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	Deli
"TJIPONDOK" May 2nd	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR" May 7th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang	
"TJIPONDOK" May 10th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang	
"TJILUWAB" May 16th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"VAN HEUTE" May 25th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	Deli
"TIJAWANG" June 2nd	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang	

Ship	From	To
"STRAAT BOENDA" Feb. 27th	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore	
"VAN HEUTE" Feb. 28th	Manila, Singapore, Penang & Belawan	Deli
"TIJAWANG" Feb. 28th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang	
"TJILUWAB" Mar. 13th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"STRAAT MAKASSAR" Mar. 18th	S. America, S. Africa, Singapore	

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SAILINGS TO EUROPE

Ship	From	To
"HOOGHEER" Mar. 7th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"AREDSKERE" Apr. 7th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"KIELDECHT" May 7th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"AAGTERDEK" June 7th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"OVERDEK" July 7th	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	

SAILING FROM EUROPE

Ship	From	To
"AREDSKERE" Mar. 31st	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"KIELDECHT" Apr. 31st	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"AAGTERDEK" May 31st	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"OVERDEK" June 31st	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	
"HOOGHEER" July 31st	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	

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Nigeria Planning To Establish Cement Industry

London.
A cement industry will shortly be established in Nigeria.

This is regarded by trade officials here as the most important economic step taken in the country for many years, and is designed to assist Nigeria's big development and building programme, which is at present severely handicapped by world cement shortages.

First factory is expected to be completed by the end of next year.

It will be located at Nkalagu, 23 miles east of Enugu, the Eastern Region's coal mining centre. Planned output is 140,000 tons a year.

Situated in a limestone-bearing area—limestone is used in cement production—the nearest coal supply is only eight miles away.

An eight or nine mile rail link will join the factory with the main north-south line from Port Harcourt to Kano and beyond.

Preliminary surveys have already been completed and work on the new project will commence at full speed within a few months.

Three partners
The company to be formed to operate the scheme will be registered in Nigeria and will be composed of three "partners." They will be Nigeria's Coal Corporation, Britain's Associated Portland Cement, and Belgium's Ciments et Briques de Reunis, a big cement concern.

The Belgian and British companies are providing the bulk of the finance in equal proportions, while the Nigerian company is putting up a smaller amount.

Special provisions will be made to permit Africans to participate in the capital subscription while Africans will have seats on the company's board. Chairman will be E. C. Collins, already chairman of the Nigerian Coal Corporation.

Owing to shortages in Britain, however, all equipment and technical staff will be provided by Belgium.

In this connection, two Belgian experts leave for Nigeria by air later this month, while some of the machinery is already on its way by sea.

The scheme was originated by Mr. D. H. Roemer, 35-year-old Trade Commissioner for Nigeria in London, where he was negotiating cement purchases.

NEW YORK COTTON FIRMS UP

New York, Feb. 25.
Cotton futures were firm with nearby months leading an upturn on trade and commission house buying. Nearby March moved higher on considerable short-covering, following the issuance of 68 March transferable notices at New York first notice day for that delivery. Traders looked for a good deal larger number of notices.

Traders anticipated more activity in exports as Washington advices reported that the Export-Import Bank cotton purchase credits of \$20,000,000 to Colombia and \$40,000,000 to Japan are now operative.

Later afternoon prices were 65 cents to 1.05 a bale higher than the previous close.

Futures closed 45 cents to \$2.45 a bale higher than the previous close.

March 41.12-13
April 40.25-41
May 39.50
June 38.75
July 38.00
August 37.25
September 36.50
October 35.75
November 35.00
December 34.25
January 33.50
February 32.75
March 32.00
April 31.25
May 30.50
June 29.75
July 29.00
August 28.25
September 27.50
October 26.75
November 26.00
December 25.25
January 24.50
February 23.75
March 23.00
April 22.25
May 21.50
June 20.75
July 20

